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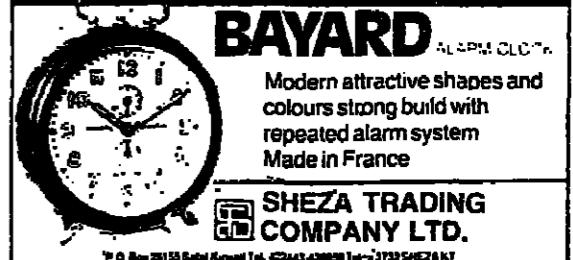


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Soviets ready  
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May 15

MOSCOW, Feb 8, (Reuters): Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced today that Soviet forces will begin a total withdrawal from Afghanistan on May 15 if agreement is reached at Geneva peace talks, two months before that date.

In a statement issued by the official Tass news agency, Gorbachev said the withdrawal would be completed within 10 months.

He said Soviet troops could begin the pullout earlier if Afghanistan and Pakistan reached a peace accord before March 15 at the United Nations-mediated talks in Geneva.

"Seeking to facilitate a speedy and successful conclusion of the Geneva talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan, the Soviet government and the Republic of Afghanistan have agreed to set a specific date for beginning the withdrawal of Soviet troops May 15, 1988—and to complete their withdrawal within 10 months," Gorbachev said.

#### Assumption

"The date is set based on the assumption that agreements on the settlement would be signed no later than March 15, 1988 and that, accordingly, they would all enter into force simultaneously two months after that."

"If the agreements are signed before March 15, the withdrawal of troops will, accordingly, begin earlier."

The Soviet Union intervened militarily in Afghanistan in December 1979. Western experts estimate Soviet troop strength there at 115,000 men.

Gorbachev said Moscow and Kabul had also agreed that "a relatively greater portion of the Soviet contingent" could be pulled out in the first stage of the withdrawal period.

Gorbachev said the withdrawal of Soviet troops would be linked to "guarantees of non-interference" in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

But he said the pullout could proceed even if efforts to set up a coalition government in Kabul did not produce immediate results. (See also Page 2)

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Israeli savagery reignites rage

## 15-year-old boy beaten to death

TEL AVIV, Feb 8, (Reuters): Israeli troops beat a Palestinian schoolboy to death after taking him from his home in a Gaza Strip refugee camp, a senior UN official said today.

A witness from Bureij camp, Khalil Mohammed, said 15-year-old Iyad Mohammed Aqel's head was "beaten to pulp, his hands were bruised and swollen and his back was black and blue."

Amid widespread violence in the occupied territories, a Palestinian was shot dead—apparently by an Israeli civilian—in the West Bank village of Kafr Kadum near Nablus, bringing the unofficial death toll in two months of riots to at least 50.

There were also fierce clashes in Arab East Jerusalem. Two policemen were injured in the Silwan neighbourhood when Arab youths set fire to a delivery van that police had commandeered and camouflaged as bakery van, witnesses said.

#### Gruesome

Local residents found Iyad unconscious in an orange grove outside the Bureij refugee camp last night and took him to a hospital where he died.

Soldiers opened fire on stone-throwing mourners at his funeral today, wounding an 11-year-old girl and a 15-year-old boy, said Bernard Mills, director of the UN Relief and Works Agency (Unrwa) for Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip.

"We have limitations on how to deal with stone-throwers, limitations that we placed upon

ourselves because we do not want to be human animals," he said.

Iyad appeared to be the second person to die from beating. Another 15-year-old, Ramzi Alik, died of a brain haemorrhage in Jerusalem's Mokassed Hospital yesterday and doctors said he had been severely beaten on the head.

The Army denied he was beaten by troops.

Police used tear gas to disperse stone-throwing youths at Herod's Gate to the old city of Jerusalem and two Israeli youths were slightly injured while touring the old city walls, a popular tourist attraction.

An Army spokesman said first investigation showed no troops had been present in the village of Kafr Kadum when 25-year-old Abdel-Basset Abdallah was shot in the head.

#### Limitation

Security sources said witnesses reported that an Israeli civilian car, possibly driven by a Jewish settler, entered the village and its occupants were suspected of the shooting.

In the town of Halhoul, north of Hebron, troops opened fire to disperse rock-throwing demonstrators, wounding several people, witnesses said.

Unrest was reported in several outlying Arab villages as the uprising spread to areas normally remote from any political agitation.

The West Bank's biggest city, Nablus, remained under curfew for the eighth day today. Twelve (Continued on Page 2)

#### Conference on killer disease opens

## Closing of borders cannot curb AIDS

By Jadranka Porter

A HIGH-RANKING WHO official yesterday launched a strong appeal for frankness in dealing with AIDS and urged the member states of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean region to focus their preventive efforts on public information campaigns rather than mandatory screening.

Lloyd also identified the ship hit in a Feb 5 Iraqi raid as the 20,691-ton bulk carrier Iran Entekhab. It said one crewman was killed in that attack.

In Dubai, an Iranian diplomat told a news conference that Tehran has begun "massive production" of remote-controlled, pilotless drone aircraft which could be used for attacks on shipping.

Ahmed Ashraf Islami, Iran's consul general in UAE, said Iran also was producing a variety of missiles, including "powerful ballistic missiles with accurate targeting capabilities," and said the achievements meant the country had gained "self-sufficiency in military hardware."

A Soviet delegation has ended a visit to Baghdad after pledging readiness to consider an arms embargo against Iran for a ceasefire in the Gulf war, Baghdad Radio reported today.

A joint communiqué issued after the Soviets left last night "stressed the necessity to take all practical measures that will lead to the end of this tragic war."

Iran has singled out Kuwaiti shipping for attack in retaliation for Kuwait's support for its war foe, Iraq.

A KOTC official declined to give a reason for the move, which the sources said was made late last year.

The sources said the Liberian flag would make the tankers only marginally more secure and there might have been commercial reasons for registering them in Liberia.



A Palestinian lady mourns the death of her relative. (Reuters wirephoto)

## EEC deplores repressive Israeli measures

BONN, Feb 8, (Agencies): European Economic Community foreign ministers today deplored the Israeli crackdown on unrest in the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as a violation of international law.

A statement issued by the 12 ministers after talks with King Hussein of Jordan on the prospects for an international Middle East peace conference was their strongest to date on the violence.

"They deeply deplore the repressive measures taken by Israel, which are in violation of international law and human rights. These measures must stop," the statement said.

#### Dangerous

The ministers said they encouraged all initiatives that could end Arab-Israeli conflicts and urged "all parties to exercise maximum restraint in order to reduce the dangerous level of tension in the occupied territories."

The community has already lodged two protests with Israel through its ambassadors on Israeli tactics that have led to at least 50 deaths in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the last two months.

Diplomats said King Hussein appealed to the ministers to act as a bridge between the Arabs and Israelis and between the two superpowers, which would have to cooperate for a UN conference to take place.

"He is clearly expecting a lot from Europe," said one diplomat at the two-hour meeting.

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#### Violence

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#### Rejected

His talks in Damascus were described as serious and businesslike, but officials said Syria remained adamant in rejecting all "unilateral and partial" solutions.

In Damascus, officials said Syria rejected unilateral and partial solutions and told Murphy that Israel must pull out of the occupied territories.

They said the three, all suffering bullet wounds, were brought into hospitals from curfew zones last evening.

Police have not confirmed the reports.

## 6 killed in Punjab

AMRITSAR, Feb 8, (Reuters): A local leader of the Communist Party of India and one of his co-workers were among six people killed overnight by Sikhs

extremists, police said today.

ATHENS, Feb 8, (Agencies): A PLO official said today that 600 people will sail this week on an "Exodus"-inspired "Ship of Return" headed for Haifa, and said Israeli acceptance of the boat would encourage peace.

"If they accept, they will make it short for," said Fouad Al Bitar, the PLO Ambassador in Athens, during a news conference.

He said the still-unidentified ship would sail on Wednesday from the Greek port of Piraeus with 200 Palestinians deported

by Israel, 200 prominent observers and 200 journalists.

Bitar refused to release the name of the vessel or reveal the flag it would fly, but he said a contract had been signed for its charter. He said it would be called the "Ship of Return."

He said it is due to reach the Israeli port of Haifa on about Feb 15 after stopping in Cyprus. It appeared unlikely, however, that Israeli officials would let the ship dock.

The voyage is modelled after

the historic voyage to Israel by Jewish survivors of Nazi death camps depicted in the novel "Exodus."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has called the voyage "a hostile act" and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has said Greece's refusal to block the departure was "an unfriendly act."

Four Palestinian activists whose expulsion from the West Bank by Israel last month caused a world outcry left Beirut today to join the Return Ship.

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## Probe on torture

MANILA, Feb 8, (AP): President Corazon Aquino today ordered an investigation into a newspaper report that the military had tortured five alleged communist leaders arrested last week.

Rajeh Amer, 35, was named undersecretary for planning affairs at the technical secretariat of the State Development Council by royal decree at the weekend.

The English-language Oman Daily Observer quoted her as saying: "I'm very happy, not only for myself, but for all women."

Mrs Amer said: "It's a big step for us."

The sultanate, at the southern tip of the Arabian peninsula, did not even have schools for girls until 1970.

Mrs Amer had to study outside the country, majoring in mathematics in Bagdad.

She returned to Oman in 1972 to work as a statistician for the government.

The leftist daily Malaya quoted defence lawyers Arno Sanidad and Romeo Capulong as saying their clients had been beaten and tortured while detained at a military camp.

## India to 'crush' Tigers by April

Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in New Delhi two weeks ago.

Jayewardene said in a BBC interview last night that the Tigers had lost their northern Jaffna stronghold to the Indians and were now holding out in the East.

"They will be defeated by Indian troops before April," he said.

About 55,000 Indian troops have been deployed in the island to enforce the pact and disarm the Tigers.

Batticaloa police said the Tigers shot dead a government official yesterday because one of his relatives was believed to be helping the Indians.

Indian officials said one officer was injured in a shootout with Tamil rebels in northern Mankulam last Friday and denied residents' reports that nine Indian soldiers had been killed in the battle.

## Oman names first woman to top post

MUSCAT, Feb 8, (AP): The Arab Gulf state of Oman, where until a few years

## Top Somali politicians face death

MOGADISHU, Feb 8. (UPI): A Somali court sentenced to death eight people, including former top politicians, after finding them guilty of trying to overthrow the government of President Mohammed Said Barre, official sources said today.

The sources said former Vice President Ismail Ali Abu Bakr and former Foreign Minister Omer Arteh Ghalib were among those who will face the firing squad.

Several others were sentenced to life imprisonment at the end of the weeklong trial in Mogadishu Sunday.

The court met behind closed doors last week after a nearly six-year delay. More than 20 people, including former politicians, military and civilians, were believed to have been tried.

No reason has ever been given for the long delay in bringing the case to court, and the charges were only made public last September.

The charges related to an alleged plot against the veteran Somali President, when the accused were said to have conspired with an unnamed foreign power to bring Barre down.

Requests by diplomats to observe the proceedings were turned down.

Government sources indicated the defendants were left-wing opponents of the President but few other details of the alleged plot were made available.

## Gambling fever grips Chinese

BEIJING, Feb 8. (UPI): Chinese police are struggling to stamp out a nationwide gambling fever that has gripped Communist Party members, public officials and newly-rich peasants, official newspapers said today.

Illegal gamblers were rounded up at the rate of 1,700 a day last year for betting on cards, dice, billiards or even in roadside games to guess the last digits of oncoming cars, number plates, the China Daily said.

But the effect of the crackdown so far is that gambling sessions have become more secretive, the newspaper said.

"They are conducted in farmers' homes... pigsties and credit co-operatives, and even in the homes of communist party members and cadres," it said.

"The stakes are getting larger all the time... in some it has reached over 10,000 yuan (\$2,700)" the paper added.

All gaming, except for carefully-controlled charity lotteries, has been illegal in China since the communist takeover in 1949.

## Afghan settlement activity gains momentum

# Cordovez flies back to Kabul

ISLAMABAD, Feb 8. (Reuters): UN mediator Diego Cordovez flew to Kabul again after more talks with Pakistani officials today amid a new flurry of diplomatic activity in search of peace in Afghanistan, a Pakistan Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The trip is Cordovez's second to the Afghan capital in two days and the fourth since he began his present shuttle mission in the region on Jan 20 aimed at ending the nine-year-old guerrilla war in Afghanistan.

He returned to Islamabad last night after meeting Afghan President Najibullah who, according to the official Kabul Radio, assured him that the Soviet-backed Afghan government would be flexible in reaching a peace settlement.

The Pakistan spokesman said Cordovez met Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Zain Noorani for more than 30 minutes today and later left for Kabul.

He said he did not know how long Cordovez would stay in Kabul.

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Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in New Delhi today before travelling to Islamabad, Indian officials said in New Delhi.

This follows a meeting in Rome between Indian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Narwar Singh and with former Afghan King Zahir Shah.

Confirmation of Vorontsov's visit to Islamabad was not immediately available from Pakistani officials but local newspaper reports said he would arrive on Tuesday.

With a precise timetable within a compromising range, Cordovez, Pakistan, Moscow and Washington, which arms the resistance, have shifted their attention to talks on an interim government in Kabul once the Soviets end their occupation.

### Meeting

Cordovez, met Saturday in Peshawar with Younis Khalis, chairman of a seven-party alliance of resistance groups, and representatives of each of the seven parties. He was expected to convey their positions to the Kabul authorities.

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Afghan people."

Khalis had refused to meet with Cordovez, insisting upon recognition as the main party in the dispute and a central role in negotiating a settlement. But Khalis said he agreed to the meeting at the insistence of Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

At the Pakistani border town of Dir, thousands of Afghan refugees and guerrillas aligned with moderate resistance leaders staged a rally Sunday calling for the return from Rome of exiled Afghan King Zahir Shah to lead an interim government, witnesses said.

### Compromise

Guerrillas fired shots into the air amid chants of "long live the revolution" and "long live Zahir Shah." The exiled King, who was overthrown in 1973, has often been mentioned by moderates as an acceptable head of a transitional government.

Zia's government is host to some three million refugees, has given sanctuary to the Afghan fighters and has acted as conduit for millions of dollars in aid to the Mujahedeen. He has pushed for an interim arrangement to ensure a binding Geneva settlement.

## Jail staff fired for running prostitution

INAUGURATED Feb 25 to a five-year term.

Kim offered Jan 6 to step down as leader of the Reunification Democratic Party, South Korea's main opposition party. He decided to keep his post after a national party convention endorsed his leadership.

But in a reversal, Kim announced today that he would relinquish the party leadership. Speaking at a news conference at party headquarters, he said he would retain party membership but would not hold any post.

"Opposition unity is what all our people aspire to see and a historical task imposed on me," Kim Young-Sam said. "I hope my resignation will provide a new turning point for a united opposition front."

Government officials and opposition parties are currently negotiating revisions to the parliamentary election laws. The laws must be revised in time to allow for elections by the end of April.

Kim Dae Jung has promised that he will accept a collective leadership for his party after the parliamentary elections.

## Ford workers go on strike



Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi (right) shares a laugh with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov during discussion on Afghanistan. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Britain faces wave of labour unrest

# Ford workers go on strike

LONDON, Feb 8. (Reuters): More than 32,000 Ford workers began their first national strike in 10 years today, shutting down Britain's largest car manufacturer in a wave of labour unrest that has disrupted ferries, coal mining and hospitals.

"It would appear that the strike is unanimous," a Ford spokesman said as the company's 22 plants came to a standstill.

The walkout began after Ford's 32,500 manual workers rejected a three-year pay offer linked to the introduction of new production methods.

"The workers have spoken by secret ballot and all Ford plants are shut down," a Jimmie Arie said.

Ford officials estimated the strike could cost the firm £17 million (\$30 million) daily in production losses.

The strike is the latest in a wave of labour disputes, involving nurses, seamen and miners, that has plagued Britain in recent weeks.

No 11-hour efforts were made to avert the Ford walkout, which began despite initial support by the car workers' union leadership for the pay package. A prolonged dispute would also affect Ford plants in Europe and component manufacturers in Britain, which suffered heavy losses during an eight-week strike at the company a decade ago.

"We have no wish for a long, damaging dispute which will be disastrous for the Ford Motor Company and would undermine and place in jeopardy the very real achievements of the last two years," Arie said.

He said the union was ready to resume negotiations at any time. The company has said it would withdraw its latest offer if the strike went ahead.

More disruption was reported at coal pits, where thousands of miners were sent home at the start of the morning shift because safety checks had not been carried out over the weekend by inspectors refusing to work overtime.

Ferry services were partly disrupted at Britain's busiest port, Dover, as seamen of the PO company continued their strike over threatened job cuts.

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## Habash praises Kuwait's stand on uprising

THE Secretary General of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) George Habash commended Kuwait's supportive stance for the three-month-old Palestinian uprising, hoping that the Kuwaiti stance would be taken as model by other Arab countries.

In a telephone interview with Kuna from Damascus, Habash expressed his appreciation saying that the Kuwaiti reaction "reassures our people that they are not alone in the confrontation against Zionism."

In the meantime, Habash said that "nobody owns the right to end the Palestinian uprising or holds the right to make truce with the Israeli enemy" except the unified leadership of Palestinians inside the occupied territories.

### Damage

Any interference from outside, he told Kuna, "would damage the uprising," which was ignited by 40 years of continued oppression and unfair treatment by occupation forces.

The uprising, in its third month now, started on December 8 by random strikes and unorganised demonstrations. Two weeks after that, local Palestinian groups began to carry on the uprising using small committees to coordinate activities and organise the uprisings to make it more effective.

### Misrepresented

The remarks by Habash were in response to an earlier report by an Israeli newspaper quoting a senior Palestinian source close to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat saying that the PLO might consider making a truce with Israel on the uprising if Israel stops firing at unarmed Palestinians.

The Palestinian source, the

information counselor to Arafat, later said the paper misrepresented his statements, noting that he told the paper that the condition is to withdraw from the occupied territories.

Asked about the "ship of return," which will sail Wednesday from Greece to Haifa in Israel, Habash said that his organization supported the idea and the executive committee of the PLO made the decision.

The ship will carry over 100 Palestinians who have been deported from Palestine by Israeli authorities. It will peacefully attempt to enter the port of Haifa and unload the passengers. Israel, however, will resist the move and block the ship's path.

### Dismay

Habash was also asked about the tour by Richard Murphy, the senior American diplomat responsible for Middle East affairs.

Habash expressed anger and dismay over the purpose of the trip, which has included so far Syria and Saudi Arabia, and later Egypt and Israel.

After the US used its veto against a resolution condemning Israel, reception of Murphy by an Arab regime is a cause for regret," the PFLP leader said.

He added that Murphy himself will find out no party can play a role in aborting the Palestinian uprising.

### Lauded

"The uprising is characterised by its inclusion of all segments of the Palestinian people and various ideologies in addition to the Arabs from the 1948 occupied territories," he concluded.

Meanwhile, the Fatah



The fourth civil defence course ended at the Officers Training Institute of the Police Academy. The five week course was attended by 15 Kuwaiti and six Qatari officers. The closing ceremony was attended by the assistant undersecretary for police affairs at the interior Ministry, Brigadier Mohammed Ahmed Al Qabandi and the director-general of Police Academy Colonel Abdulla Al Roumi. Picture shows the senior officers and graduates.

### Many factors responsible for wrong diagnosis

## Doctors alone should not be blamed

DOCTORS in Kuwait have said that responsibility for wrong diagnosis should not be theirs only. They said that many persons and factors should also shoulder this responsibility, although they admitted that an important part was their responsibility.

They said that factors such as wrong informations supplied by the patients or wrong interpretations of foreign patients as well as overcrowding were some other important causes for wrong diagnosis.

Head of the surgery department at Sabah Hospital, Dr. Sadiq Sabiq, attributed the causes of wrong diagnosis to doctors and partly to patients when they gave wrong information, did not obey the doctor's instructions and did not carry the necessary tests.

committees will follow up how the operation was carried out during anaesthesia.

He admitted that in Kuwait there was a lack of confidence in doctors and the formation of these committees aimed also at restoring this confidence.

### Poll

He stressed that if the committees find out that doctors committed mistakes because of negligence, they will be penalised, adding that some doctors who had made mistakes had been already penalised.

He said that if a file of a doctor contained several mistakes, it would affect his chances of keeping his job in Kuwait.

Dr. Sabiq said that an opinion poll will be held very shortly at all hospitals in Kuwait to ask the opinion of patients about the

## Kuwait's stability lauded

TOKYO, Feb 8, (Kuna): Kuwait is enjoying great stability, freedom and prosperity, a major Japanese newspaper said today.

Japan's influential economic daily, Nihon Keizai Shimbun, has published a dispatch from its Bahrain-based correspondent Wa Ki following his trip to Kuwait.

sion of a solid stable country, where there is no effect of any sort from the Iraq-Iran war and no fear due to the ongoing conflict or any trace of tension on the people there.

### Recovered

Kuwaiti investments are increasing in various parts of the world, the stock market has recovered from the 1982 shock and Kuwait now ranks as the region's most stable country, he said.

A Kuwaiti market dealer told the Japanese reporter "all is fine on the market and we sell everything is moving natural."

In the meantime, an Information Ministry official, also unnamed, assured Wa Ki that foreign journalists are free to go anywhere in Kuwait.

Some Japanese thought that the eight-year-old Gulf war at the door-step of Kuwait could be of some effect on the life of the Kuwaiti peoples as they read often about ships which are attacked in the Arabian Gulf waters, hence Wa Ki reassured his Japanese audience, dispelling their wrong notions.

## Joint livestock ventures

AHMED Al Naqib, the Assistant Director General for Technical Affairs at Kuwait's Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, said yesterday's meeting between the livestock company and poultry farm owners was aimed at coordinating the work in Kuwait with similar farms and companies in the Gulf Cooperation Council member states.

Al Naqib said the meeting was held at the request of the GCC General Secretariat in order to organise joint livestock ventures and to develop and protect national foodstuffs commodities of the member states.

Kuwait's poultry industry covers about 40 per cent of Kuwait's need, for chicken, he said, and 45 per cent of the consumption of eggs.

He added that the percentage is very low and is becoming less with the lapse of time. Other doctors stressed the fact that patients also share the responsibility for wrong diagnosis.

## Ninth session

THE Arab Higher Committee for Pharmaceutical Affairs will hold its ninth session on Thursday to discuss several issues related to the Arab pharmaceutical industry.

The committee, which is affiliated with the Arab Health Ministers Council, will also discuss the possibility of a regular pharmaceutical publication and a unified law for the prevention of drug abuse.

## Licence renewal taking too long, complain shop owners

SHOP owners in Kuwait have complained that licence renewal takes too long with some ministries and demanded that renewal should be required every three years instead of yearly.

They called on officials to try to facilitate the licensing procedures in their departments.

One restaurant owner Mohammed Zuhair said that renewals involve different authorities, each with different requirements. For example, the General Fire Department requires safety equipment and fire extinguishers, subject to special conditions, while the Ministry of Commerce and Industry ensures that the shop practices commercial activities.

Fines

He added that shop owners suffer from exorbitant fines imposed by Municipality officials and called on the Municipality to direct their inspectors to avoid prejudice in their fines.

Mohammed Saeed, another owner, said that renewals take a long time and must be continuously followed up by the owners. He said that the licence for the shop sign takes about two weeks to be issued by the Municipality.

Khalid Abdul Rahim said that in the past commercial licences were valid for five years, which, he added, was a reasonable licensing period.

Jarallah Al Fadhi, a video shop owner, said the Information Ministry takes a long time to censor videos and records. He requested that officials decrease some of the paperwork required for video shops.

Meanwhile, a Kuwaiti daily interviewed the Director of Food Licencing at Kuwait Municipality.

### Khudari forms five committees

KUWAIT'S Education Ministry's Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khudari recently formed five committees for health control and supervision of school cafeterias and canteens.

These committees will evaluate the health conditions in the ministry schools and review the reports submitted by the Municipality inspectors.

They will also represent a link between the Education and Public Health Ministries and Kuwait Municipality.

### Three new telephone exchanges to be opened soon

KUWAIT'S Minister of Communications Abdul Al Sharhan will open three telecommunications and postal exchanges this month. The Shuaikha exchange will open on the 10th, Jumeirah Al Shiyoukh on the 16th and Jahra on the 20th.

The Shuaikha central exchange will have a 30 thousand line capacity, Jumeirah Al Shiyoukh, and Jahra will have a 10 thousand line capacity.

These exchanges will also offer postal, telephone and telegram services, with each exchange housed in a six storey building.

the owner practiced commercial activities in violation of legal regulations for the shop or restaurant.

Al Mailem said that restaurants were usually fined because of having tables in prohibited areas and failure to maintain safe health conditions.

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## Kuwait is not against having dialogue with Iran: Osaimi

BEIRUT, Feb 8. (Kuna): Kuwait's State Minister of Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaimi, was quoted here today as saying that Kuwait is not against opening a dialogue with Tehran's leaders on ending the tension in the Gulf area.

The Kuwaiti minister was also quoted as saying that US-Soviet agreement can ease tension in the world, especially the Arabian Gulf region.

Al Osaimi's remarks were made in an interview with the weekly Lebanese Al Osou'a Al Arabi published here today.

Kuwait does not object to opening a dialogue with Iran "because Kuwait seeks understanding and believes in good neighbourhood," the minister stressed.

**Retaliate**  
Iran is to be blamed for the interruption of negotiations with the Gulf countries, Al Osaimi said, adding that Kuwait has always kept its nerves cool in dealing with Iran.

He cited the invasion and ransacking of the Kuwaiti embassy in Tehran several years ago as example of Iran's hostile actions.

"Despite their occupation of our embassy and their burning of our properties in Tehran, we did not retaliate. We respected the status of the Iranian embassy in Kuwait," Al Osaimi stressed.

"We do not call for dialogue only for the sake of dialogue," he

said. "but for more normalisation of relations which would eliminate reasons for tension and make dialogue more viable and reasonable."

"We believe in co-existence that transforms the Gulf area into a one of constructive interaction," the Kuwaiti official told the magazine.

### Lesson

On the American naval presence in the Arabian Gulf, he said that the "decision to protect international waterways is an American decision and does not concern Kuwait more than it concerns all countries of the region."

The US and several European countries that maintain military presence in the Gulf protect their shipping in the waters of the Gulf against attacks by Iran.

Asked about Soviet-US contacts on a second UN resolution that would impose sanctions against the party that rejects peace calls, the Kuwaiti State Minister said that "undoubtedly interests of the superpowers play a role in applying UN resolution 598."

"A concord between the superpowers will lessen tension in many areas in the world, especially the Gulf," he added.

Meanwhile, Al Osaimi said that what links Kuwait with Iraq is "national Arab commitments and fraternity obligations."

"We are committed to what is

agreed upon in the Arab League charter and the Arab joint defence agreements," he stressed.

Osaimi strongly denied reports that spoke of sending Egyptian troops and arms to Kuwait to fend off any foreign threat.

He said the subject of Egyptian military assistance to Kuwait was not discussed between HH the Amir of Kuwait and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt during the latter's visit to Kuwait last month.

The states of the Gulf Cooperation Council, he maintained, are serious in enhancing their joint security. The GCC states have a joint military force numbering some 12,000 troops.

While stressing that any threat against any GCC country would be considered against all of them, he emphasised on the need to surpass Arab conflicts and come under one flag.

The minister also spoke on the Palestinian uprising, saying that it served as a unification factor and that it should be employed in regaining the usurped rights of the Palestinian people.

Meanwhile Al Osaimi today met with Soviet Ambassador to Kuwait Ernest Zverev.

The meeting tackled bilateral ties between the two countries, the situation in the Arab and the Gulf region and issues of mutual concern to the two countries.



● The Undersecretary of the Defence Ministry, Faisal Al Dawood, accompanied by assistant undersecretaries, visited the military installations department on Sunday morning. They were received by the assistant undersecretary for military installations. They toured the different sections and inspected new advanced equipment. Al Dawood (centre) is seen with other officials.

## Palestinians hold rally



Participants in the meeting at Jabriya.

By Lima Al Khalafawi

A PUBLIC rally was held in Jabriya on Sunday at the Palestinian Social Affairs and Aid for Martyrs and Captives Families premises.

The deputy speaker of the Palestinian National Council, Salim Zanoon, delivered a speech in which he warned against a potential Zionist

scheme to counteract the objectives of the Palestinian uprising in Palestine which has been going on for over 60 days.

He criticised the passive Arab attitude to the uprising which required urgent action at both Arab and International levels.

A sit-in was staged at the PLO office in Kuwait in support of the uprising. It was attended by Zanoon, Awni Battash and many Palestinians.

## Lecture on cleanliness

MUTLAQ Al Bighaili, the cleanliness director of Kuwait Municipality's Third Area, in a lecture on public cleanliness, said that maintaining a clean environment was an important precept

## Entrance test for Philippine universities

THE Philippine Embassy in Kuwait will conduct the National College Entrance Examination (NCEE) on Feb 29.

The examination is open to all foreign students intending to enter Philippine universities starting the first semester of the 1988-89 scholastic year.

Application forms are available at the embassy.

He said the Municipality's Cleanliness Department specialised in the removal and disposal of garbage from houses and debris from construction sites. He added that they were also responsible for the removal of demolished cars left along roads.

Al Bighaili announced that the Municipality plans to establish a factory to change organic waste to fertiliser, adding that half of the garbage collected from houses could be used as fertiliser.

The Municipality will also study the establishment of tyre manufacturing plants, the recycling of engine oil and scrap metal.

The new Cleanliness Law was also explained to Municipality inspectors during the lecture.

## Telephone services in Sulaibiya

THE Director of Area One at Kuwait's Communications Ministry Faisal Al Omari said that the ministry provides all subscribers with telephone services impartially and that it was always trying to make its services easily available.

He said at a press conference held in the ministry yesterday that the ministry would provide all needed telephone subscriber services in Sulaibiya before mid-April, and that the reason for the delayed connection of this service was purely technical.

He added that other reasons for this delay included the fact that the Sulaibiya exchange office was not yet technically equipped, but its current capacity was 10,000 lines compared to 5,000 applicants.

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## Directors visit on Feb 8, 88



Holiday Inn Kuwait welcomes Vice Presidents and Directors from London who are here on a brief visit with the new owners of Holiday Inn International, Bass Plc, to look over the Gulf properties.

During their visit they will meet with Mr Jawad Bukhamseen and Dr Mansour Bukhamseen, also the management and staff.

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Mr David Woodward  
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Mr Alan Parker  
Vice President, Operations  
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Mr Peter Malone  
Director of Finance

Mr Michel Karam  
District Director for the Gulf



Filfilia (Americana) inaugurated their new outlet at Jali Al Shuyukh Co-operative Society on Monday, 25/1/88. Mr. Lutfi Al Huraibi, a member of the Co-op's Board of Directors, and the General Manager of the Co-op Mr. Salah Fouad attended the opening.

## Role of companies in traffic safety discussed

KUWAIT'S Road Safety Society discussed the work of private societies and companies in traffic safety at its weekly seminar, with Adnan Al Loughani from Kuwait Teachers Society as one of the featured speakers.

Al Loughani said the Islamic religion encouraged the work of volunteers, adding that patriotism was an effective way of handling the problems of young people. He said that if youth are taught the importance of their efforts in helping their country, traffic accidents could be minimised.

### Volunteer

He urged private societies and companies to arrange seminars focussing on traffic awareness and safety and to provide the necessary statistics to help employees understand the magnitude of the problem.

## NHA studying development of popular housing

ALI Al Fouzan, the Assistant Director General of Kuwait's National Housing Authority for Technical Affairs, said the NHA is studying the development of popular housing in Jahra, Sulaibiya and Umm Al Haiman, which is known locally as Shaabia.

Al Fouzan said these studies would be reviewed by the Higher Housing Council upon completion and that the authority had no plans to remove these houses at present. He added that it would be at least three years before the houses would be demolished and substitute housing would have to be found before asking residents to vacate.

## Nawaf holds talks with French official

DEFENCE Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday exchanged views with president of the French Office General Del Air, General Jacques Mitterrand, currently on a visit here, cordial talks and discussed bilateral relations in the military sphere and means of boosting them.

The meeting was attended by the Kuwaiti Army's Chief of the General Staff, defence under-secretary and deputy Chief-of-Staff for logistics and supply.

General Mitterrand and the accompanying delegation will confer in the course of their few days visit with senior Kuwaiti officials in the defence and foreign ministries.

## Campers harm desert environment

IBRAHIM Hadi, the director of the environmental protection department and secretary of the Environmental Protection Council at Kuwait's Public Health Ministry, said the desert environment is severely harmed by campers. He added that campers damage desert plants and soil and drive away wild animals and birds.

He said that a special committee had been set up seven years ago and had issued a guide for campers. The committee also printed a book on Kuwait's desert plants and established centres offering health services in different camping areas, and produced a television programme on environmental problems which is shown twice a month on KTV, he said.

### Typing course

THE third secretarial and typing course began yesterday at the Non-commissioned Officers' Institute.

The opening ceremony was attended by the director of the Institute, Lt Col Yousef Al-Saud, and the assistant director Major Bader Al Idan.

It cited Israeli minister without portfolio Ezra Weizman's offer yesterday to meet with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"It is a dubious offer designed to perpetuate the occupation under the cover of autonomy and to resume settlements in the occupied areas," it said.

It urged the PLO not to heed the offer because the "mere halt of the uprising without its goals being achieved will deliver a severe blow to the Palestinian cause."

Al Bayan, published in Dubai, said the stone-throwing children had succeeded in defeating Israel by unveiling its true character before the world public opinion that has been misled into believing that the Zionist entity is an oasis of democracy."

"Israel now, thanks to the uprising, is facing accusations of being a terrorist entity that is violating the rights of the Palestinian people," it said.

"Another achievement which is no less significant is that the uprising represents a message to the whole world that the Palestinian cause is not that of refugees but of a people struggling for a homeland and a secure life," the paper said.

"At a time when the Palestinian struggle is using knives, clubs and axes in face of the Israeli occupation troops, Arab weapons have started to cry from their long imprisonment in stores," Al Bayan said.

Al Khaleej of Sharjah was optimistic that the uprising, which entered its third month, would "snowball into an overall revolt that could not be stopped either by repression or by political schemes."

## ROYAL COURT

### Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Ahmad yesterday received the Minister of the Armin Diwan, Sheikh Khalid Al Ahmad.

Sheikh Saad also received the head of the higher committee of the National Day celebrations and the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, the Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hornad and the Minister of Education and acting Minister of Higher Education, Anwar Al Nouri.

Sheikh Saad also received the Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, Mohammed Al Rifai and the Minister of Public Works, Abd Rahman Al Houthi.

Sheikh Saad later received the head of the preparatory committee of the Arab cooperative conference Barak Al Noor, Dr Rasha Al Sabah, the board chairman and members of Kuwait Education Society and president of the Farmers Federation, Ghonam Al Jumhour.

Sheikh Saad also received a number of citizens in the public diwan.

### Cable of thanks

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Sabah yesterday received a cable of thanks from Vice-Chairman of the International Union and President of the Asian Union of Sports reporters, Abdul Mohsen Al Hosseini.

The cable appreciated Kuwait's hosting of a sports reporting forum from February 1 to 7.

The Crown Prince in a reply cable expressed his gratitude and praised the forum for its concern to promote sports reporting and sports movement in the world.

Sheikh Saad also received a cable of thanks from the chairman of Kuwait shooting committee Sheikh Salman Sabah Al Salem.

The cable came in appreciation of Sheikh Saad's patronage of the first shooting championship, which was held recently in Kuwait.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### US, Israel seeking a way out of the dilemma

THE Kuwaiti daily Al Rai Al Aam yesterday accused the United States and Israel of short-sightedness in seeking a way out of the dilemma of the popular uprising in occupied Palestine while ignoring the glaring facts of the situation.

The mistake the United States is committing is that "it wants the Palestinians to go back to being tame prisoners of the Israeli occupation" while it looks for a solution that embraces the old American-Israeli stance, which, the newspaper said, the uprising has quashed.

The newspaper said that the two-month-long popular uprising that engulfed occupied Palestine has proved beyond any doubt that contrary to American-Israeli claims the PLO is not a terrorist organisation but a true representative of the Palestinians and that the international peace conference is the only acceptable solution.

"Israel has no choice but to accept the fact that those who have been demonstrating for two months are the core of the crisis and are the ones most concerned with the international conference, together with their colleagues outside Palestine," Al Rai Al Aam said.

Because Israel is incapable of bringing an end to the uprising, the US Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Richard Murphy has come to the region in a futile attempt to prepare the climate for a fresh initiative which will be equally fruitless, the newspaper predicted.

### Iraqi Army's role praised

ANOTHER daily yesterday praised the effective role played by the Iraqi popular Army (militia) in defence of Iraq and in protection of the "eastern gate" of the Arab homeland.

Commemorating the 18th anniversary of the Iraqi popular Army, Al Anbaa newspaper said while the Iraqi Army proved to be the "honest guard" of the eastern Arab borders, the popular Army also affirmed that it has been constituting the second defensive line in front of the Iranian aggression.

This Army, which has acquired deep-rooted expertise in warfare, asserted its full efficiency and success in conjunction with planning, organization, and practice, said the paper.

The stinging Iraqi military force, Al Anbaa said, was the decisive factor that motivated the Iranians to "postpone" and maybe to "cancel" their long-proclaimed new attack.

The Iranians had to think a thousand times before launching an offensive, because they had become aware of Iraq's strength both in its military potential and internal cohesion.

## GULF PRESS

### Dubious offer designed to perpetuate occupation

UNITED Arab Emirates newspapers yesterday paid tribute to the Palestinian "stone-throwers" as their uprising entered its third successive month in the Israeli-occupied territories.

"The more the uprising escalates the more difficult the Israeli fiasco becomes

## American surgeon revisits Kuwait

## Exotic story of childhood memories

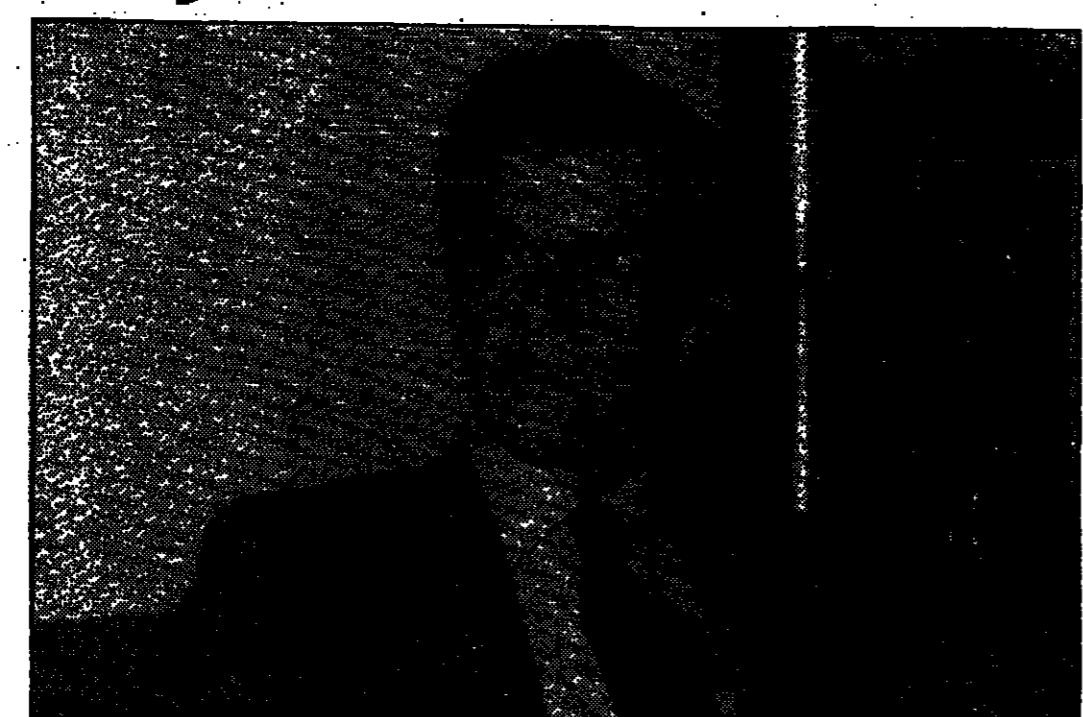
By Jadranka Porter

THE early life of Dr. Timothy Harrison, an American surgeon who visited Kuwait last week, is an exotic story of a happy childhood spent in the deserts on the fringe of the Arabian Gulf and at a cool hill-station in southern India. It is a story in which desert rulers of the littoral states made frequent appearances, in which his only playmates at one point, apart from his siblings, were the Oman boys, and in which home was where his father, a medical missionary, was needed. There is a tragic twist too. Dr. Harrison's mother died some time after his birth leaving behind four children. At about the same time, another death took place in the area. An American missionary was killed by fanatics in southern Iraq leaving behind a widow and four children. The two families stricken by sorrow got together and a feeling of happiness was restored much to the delight of the eight children. "Like the Arabs I too grew up in an extended family" says Dr. Harrison.

## Bond

This is how Dr. Harrison was introduced to the Gulf. But at the age of twelve his colourful sojourn in the region came to a halt when his father decided that his children "should be raised as the American boys and girls were". So in 1932 he left for the United States and did not return to the Gulf until much later in life.

Browsing through his and his family's past last week, it was



Dr Timothy Harrison: 'I want to be where I am needed.'

clear that Dr. Harrison's childhood experiences have produced a bond of affection for the Gulf which extends to the present day.

He has maintained links with Kuwait's health authorities from 1968 when he was a professor at the American University of Beirut. When Kuwait's medical school opened, he became a regular visitor and sat on the board of the school's external examiners. Among the most treasured tributes he received in Kuwait was the one related to his father.

MAJDA Al Roumi, the singing phenomenon who draws throngs of tens of thousands of fans to her shows, will be making her debut in Bahrain on March 10 in Juffair Dome.

In Bahrain, Majda will be featured in a three-hour show with an orchestra and dancers.

Majda is the daughter of Haim Al Roumi, one of the foremost composers in the Arab world. Revolutionising Arabian music, Haim picked up the beat in his Arabian melodies while retaining the characteristic style of Middle Eastern music.

Over a decade ago, the ten-year-old Majda became an instant success in Lebanon with her hit "Alay Dahli" (my heart is my guide) with her father coaching

## Majda makes Bahrain debut

her in the wings. Her singing style in the beginning of her career was reminiscent of Leila Murad's who Majda emulated. However, over the year, she has switched to more patriotic songs — tender ballads of love of country, of a yearning for peace and co-existence — using down-to-earth lyrics that fire the imagination of her fervent following.

## Acting

In the 1970s, Youssef Shafeen, one of the world's

celebrated cinema directors, heard of Majda and brought her to Cairo where she starred in several of his films. After an admittedly lukewarm reception in the cinema, it was obvious that Majda's true talents lay in her singing — not her acting.

Scores of records and cassettes later, Majda has been heralded as a singing sensation across the Arab world where her recent shows in Jordan and Tunisia, for instance, have drawn upwards of 20,000 fans

each evening. But her fame has spread far beyond the Middle East. Majda has been acclaimed from the US to Europe with successful tours of Britain and Canada.

The star with jet-black hair and dark eyes still has a disarmingly shy smile and a seriousness when she sings that inspires and appeals to her captive audiences. Much of that natural magic charm may be due to the way of life of her native Mount Lebanon, a region famed for its authenticity of traditions and its flair for the use of Arabic.

Tickets for the Bahrain show are expected to be snatched up by an enthusiastic following on the island and neighbouring Gulf states.

David Buckley

## Buckley gets new BBC job

DAVID BUCKLEY has been appointed Assistant Head of the BBC Arabic Service and took up his post recently. He succeeds Sam Younger who has become head of Current Affairs, World Service.

Buckley, who is joining the Arabic Service at the start of its 50th anniversary year, has had a wide range of experience in the BBC External Services. A specialist in East European politics and culture, he lectured in Russian language and literature at Liverpool University before joining the BBC Russian Service in 1973. He was later appointed head of the Bulgarian Service and in 1983 was promoted to Assistant Head of the Latin America Service.

As Assistant Head of the BBC Arabic Service, Buckley will be working in the largest of the BBC's language services which broadcasts to the Middle East and North Africa for 63 hours a week.

Buckley has visited the Middle East on holiday, and will be taking a course in Arabic shortly. "The Middle East is a very important area to the BBC," says David Buckley, "and I am enormously excited by the challenge of the task ahead."

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## Thought for today

**LONELINESS** and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty — Mother Teresa, Yugoslav-born Roman Catholic nun-missionary (1910—).

## US aid cuts mean waning influence

By Charles Aldinger

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): US foreign aid cuts in 1983 and beyond could spark an erosion of America's military and political influence around the world, according to officials of the Reagan administration.

"You can tell people times are tough, that you have to cut back for a while, but what they want to know is where they are on the priority list — and why," one administration official close to the foreign aid programme said.

The official said he saw no let-up in cuts over the next few years.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman announced on Jan 29 that military aid programme to about 30 countries will be eliminated in 1983 and they will be cut in dozens of other cases, to meet congressional budget reduction goals.

He acknowledged that certain cuts were needed, but said slashing the military aid programme would damage US influence worldwide and that the State Department still hoped to find ways to limit the damage.

**Loss**

Other officials also say the cuts could hurt US interests.

The commander of military forces in Latin America, General Fred Woerner, told reporters in Washington on Friday: "I sense that the nations know what is happening to them and their reaction has been quite negative."

Woerner, head of the Southern Command based in Panama, said that not only do military aid cuts reduce American mid-level military contacts with other nations in terms of training aid, but they force friends and allies to look elsewhere.

"Aid from others can mean bases for others," he said.

US officials say frankly that America has paid handsomely for its military presence in many countries from the Philippines to Western Europe.

Foreign aid cuts sent Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci off to Lisbon last week to placate Portuguese leaders to ensure a US presence is maintained at a key

## Race heats up for Cyprus elections

By Nick Ludington

NICOSIA, (AP): There is little love lost among the four candidates in Cyprus' presidential elections as they head into the final run up for the Feb 14, poll.

The three strongest candidates are all defending themselves against charges that include incompetence, links with the US Central Intelligence Agency and allowing extremists to have political party memberships.

Other candidates are levelling accusations of incompetence against the incumbent, President Spyros Kyprianou, leader of the Centrist Democratic Party. Kyprianou claims they are ganging up on him.

Of the half-million Greek Cypriots, some 350,000 are eligible to vote in what promises to be a two-stage election. The 150,000 Turkish Cypriots cannot vote.

If no candidate wins more than 50 per cent of the ballots, the two front-runners meet in a second poll Feb 21 to elect a president for a five-year term. No candidate is expected to win outright in the first round.

### Criticised

Kyprianou is under fire from the opposition for allegedly buying reconditioned French AMX-30 tanks and presenting them as brand new.

Newspapers supporting Glafcos Clerides, leader of the right-wing Democratic Rally Party, say the tanks have broken down and were discovered to have several layers of paint, indicating they were not exactly in mint condition.

Defence Minister Elias Elias said they were the same models being delivered to the French Army and had been accepted "by the quality control department of the French Ministry of Defence."

The defence issue is potent because all candidates agree that the Greek Cypriots must beef up their military capacity as a bargaining chip to force Turkey to withdraw some 30,000 troops from the breakaway Turkish Cypriots in the northern one-third of the Mediterranean

## Gulf countries try to avoid tanker hazards

# Lifeline pipelines

By Abraham Thomas

MANAMA, Bahrain, (AP): The seven-year-old Iran-Iraq war and escalating attacks on tankers in the Gulf, the region's main oil export route, has triggered a frenzy of pipeline-building by Gulf states seeking safer overland outlets.

About four million barrels of oil a day already are being pumped through pipelines to the industrialised world, three times the total of a few years ago.

Within two years, the total is expected to rise to 6.5 million barrels daily, two-thirds of the region's current exports, drastically reducing the importance of the Gulf as an oil supply route and the impact of the war on oil shipments to Western Europe and Japan.

More than 300 ships, many of them tankers, have been attacked by both sides since the Gulf war erupted in September 1980. Nearly 11 million tons of shipping have been sunk or damaged and written off, just under half the commercial tonnage sunk in all of World War II.

Iran, which lost most of its seaborne export capacity in the early days of the war, is leading the trend with three pipelines.

It has boosted its vital oil exports, needed to pay for its war effort, to nearly three million barrels a day through two pipelines across Turkey and one through Saudi Arabia. Plans for a second pipeline across Saudi Arabia are under way.

**Irony**

But a plan to build a 600-mile (950-kilometre) pipeline across Jordan to the port of Aqaba was scrapped because it was considered too vulnerable to Israeli attack.

US Attorney-General Edwin Meese currently is under investigation after allegations that he used his influence in May 1985 to try to revive the project. Meese denies any wrongdoing.

Iran, whose oil exports are highly vulnerable to Iraqi air raids on tanker routes, is negotiating with the Turks to build a 1,800-mile (2,000-km) pipeline from its Ahvaz oilfields in southwestern Khuzestan province to the Mediterranean port of Iskenderun.

Kuwait, whose tankers and oil

By John-Thor Dahlburg

MOSCOW, (AP): The Soviet leadership has silently buried one of Stalin's political heirs and cleared the name of one of his prominent victims as it moves away from his legacy of radical economics and brutal central control.

The political spotlight in Moscow focused this past week on how Mikhail Gorbachev's Kremlin is coming to grips with the troubled Soviet past. It has given new clues to how the Communist Party chief wants his programme of social and economic reforms to unfold.

The focus has been the checkered legacy of Josef Stalin, Soviet ruler from 1924 to 1953 and creator of the modern Soviet industrial and police state.

Clerides has been attacked by newspapers supporting Kyprianou for retaining in his party members of the extremist right-wing group that carried out the coup and triggered the Turkish invasion. The group was allied to the colonels who ruled Greece at the time.

Clerides says none of the coup participants now in his party has been charged with any crime and therefore he can't take action against them.

### Twist

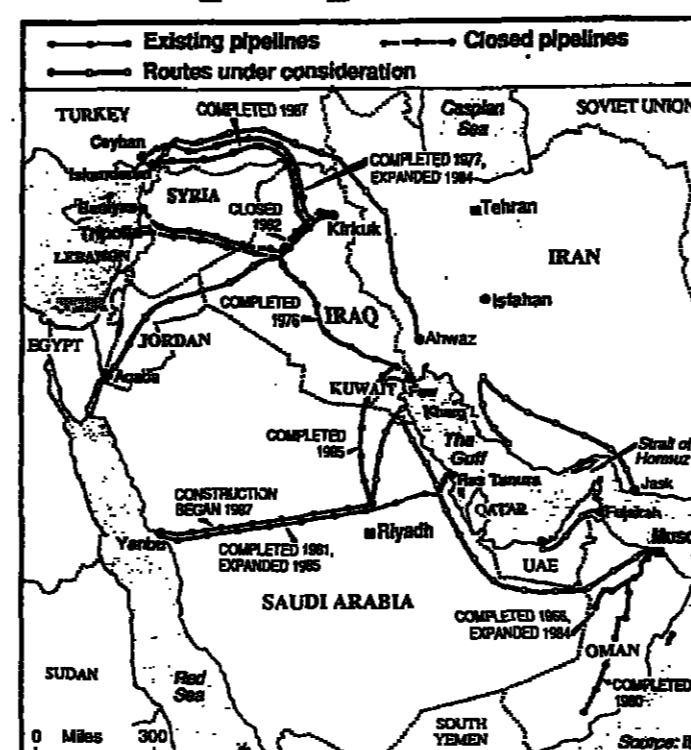
In an ironic twist typical of Cyprus' complex politics, independent candidate George Vassiliou, a millionaire businessman backed by Cyprus' Moscow-oriented Communist Party, has been attacked for carrying out audience research for the Voice of America.

**At a news conference**, reporters for newspapers backing Kyprianou and socialist candidate Vassos Lyssarides claimed the VOA was an arm of the CIA and asked Vassiliou if this didn't mean he was a CIA agent.

He replied that the VOA is funded by the US Congress and that if his market research and polling firm, the largest in the Middle East, was asked to do a similar job for Radio Moscow, he would do so.

Kyprianou is asking the voters to re-elect him to show the Turks that Greek Cypriots will continue his tough bargaining position. He has demanded a complete Turkish military withdrawal before negotiations can begin to reunite the island in a UN-approved federation.

Clerides says he will form a government of national unity to deal with the Turks. He wants to build up Greek Cypriot forces, but says a final solution could include a treaty under which a number of Turkish and Greek troops could remain on the island.



terminals have been blasted by the Iranians on the grounds that it backs Iraq's war effort, is considering a pipeline to the Red Sea across neighbouring Saudi Arabia.

A recent study by Saudi Arabia's University of Petroleum and Minerals recommended a pipeline linking all Gulf states with an export outlet on the Indian Ocean.

A pipeline between the Gulf and Turkey figured in talks earlier this year between US Energy Secretary John H. Hargrave and Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.

The drive for pipelines is ironic. Three decades ago, before the age of the supertanker and the outbreak of the Gulf conflict, most of the region's oil went overland through pipelines.

Political turmoil rendered most of those lines vulnerable, and the Gulf states switched to what was then considered safer tanker routes.

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Along with 200,000 barrels a day trucked to the Jordanian port of Aqaba, this will give Iraq a total of 3.3 million barrels a day in exports when full capacity is reached.

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Another hazard is earthquake. One tremor last fall knocked out Iraqi lines to Turkey for a week.

ing the party and its reputation.

The treatment given one of Stalin's victims, top Bolshevik leader Nikolai Bukharin, was far different.

On Friday, a special commission of the ruling party Politburo erased the criminal charges that led to the execution of Bukharin, one of the leaders of the 1917 Russian revolution, as an alleged foreign spy.

A news conference was held to announce the judicial rehabilitation of Bukharin and others condemned with him in a 1938 show trial. Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said the commission's ruling was only the first step in clearing the names of Stalin's victims who have not been rehabilitated.

That decision was given page-one treatment Saturday in the Communist Party daily Pravda.

Independent historian Roy Medvedev said absolving Bukharin of guilt is of great importance because it publicly acknowledged a miscarriage of justice and because it has direct political implications.

**Closes**

"Gorbachev's policies are significantly close to Bukharin's," Medvedev said in an interview.

In the 1920s and '30s, Bukharin, unlike Stalin, advocated a greater role for voluntary work cooperatives, more individual enterprise and other policies that now appear to pre-serve changes mandated by Gorbachev's drive for "perestroika" or economic and social restructuring.

For a half-century after his death, Bukharin's voluminous writings on politics and economics were banned, but Gerasimov said they will now be published again.

The treatment of Bukharin's more moderate proposals for Soviet development is important because debates on party ideology, like theological disagreements in Christianity, are "timeless" and help determine current policy, Medvedev said.

match the stored eye "print."

Keeping out the unduly curious has long been a priority among defence contractors and government agencies, but spying was rare in British boardrooms until recently.

Now, as more executives routinely use computers and electronics in business, they worry about tapping and computer break-ins.

Among the most ingenious is a security check which works by taking and storing an infra-red scan of a person's retina.

As no two eye patterns are

thought to be alike, all the user has to do is enter the system is type in a code number and peer through a peephole — which will

cover boom where billions often ride on a single deal, they are especially worried about security.

Police and security experts find it impossible to quantify how much eavesdropping and computer fraud is going on and believe only a fraction of incidents are reported. However, they all agree corporate espionage has soared.

"With more takeovers, availability of security technology and competition such a rise makes sense," said Michael Saren, a corporate policy expert.

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## Mexican street children

# Bring home your daily quota or get lost

By Brook Larmer

MEXICO CITY: Arturo can't remember his real name.

Ever since he left his family to

the infamous Plaza Garibaldi, where tourists, drunks, and mariachi bands provide a steady flow of activity.

On one recent evening, the police and the cold had scared away many of the estimated 150 street children that usually hang out around Plaza Garibaldi. Only 16-year-old Javier and seven-year-old Tibirri, respectively, wandered about the plaza, their hands shoved deeply into their pockets. Javier explains that most of his cohorts were soaking in the warmth of Mexico City's modern underground metro system, where they can mingle with the large crowds, lift a few wallets, and travel all over the city.

Shivering and hungry, Tibirri sticks out his hand for a few hundred pesos, but Lopez refuses to give anything. Later, the long-time social worker explains that handouts would only feed Tibirri's feeling that he's only worth what he can rob, beg, or steal.

**More**

Surprisingly, street children often make more money than the average Mexican worker. Lopez and several other social workers around the city say. By washing car windshields, begging in the plaza, or singing on the subway, even the tiniest youngsters like Tibirri can rake in between 10,000 and 15,000 pesos a day (\$4 to \$6), much more than the minimum wage of just over 6,000 pesos a day.

Older teen-agers make larger sums of money, either by "looking after" a group of younger children and charging for their "service", or by hooking up with cortadores, vandals who specialise in breaking the steel curtains outside stores and hauling off expensive merchandise. Two months ago, for example, a 17-year-old named "Chinchin" stole \$3,000 worth of stereo equipment; in less than two weeks, he returned to Plaza Garibaldi after squandering it all with a prostitute in Acapulco.

"They've never had the opportunity to construct a life," says Marco Antonio Lopez, who works for a private foundation helping street kids make the slow transition to a more ordered life. You can't focus on the economic aspect, because it's not money they lack. It's self-worth.

Alaya says the children sniff paint thinner and smoke marijuana, not just to avoid feeling hungry, but to recapture a sense of self-worth and gain a feeling of invincibility.

Later that night, when the boys start filtering back into Plaza Garibaldi, the presence of drugs is hardly hidden. Two eight-year-olds saunter up, eyes glazed, to beg for money. They smell strongly of paint thinner, known as active because it makes them feel more alive.

**Hooked**

To get a rag soaked in thinner at the hardware store costs 200 pesos nine cents); and to get enough for a small, plastic bottle costs 500 pesos (23 cents). Most of these kids are hooked, sniffling about 12 bottles a day, according to Manuel Gonzalez Mujica, director of Children's Community Development, a programme working with about 1,400 children on the streets of Mexico City as well as other cities throughout the country.

"It's as much a social problem as a problem of these individuals," says Gonzalez. "They develop the ability to acquire almost anything for themselves — except love."

The Christian Science Monitor.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1554 — Sir Thomas Wyatt's forces are defeated in attempt to take London.
- 1718 — French colonists arrive in Louisiana.
- 1788 — Austria's Joseph II declares war on Turkey.
- 1801 — Peace of Luneville between Austria and France marks virtual destruction of Holy Roman Empire.
- 1849 — Rome is proclaimed republic under Giuseppe Mazzini.
- 1891 — Menelik, Emperor of Ethiopia, denounces Italian claims to a protectorate.
- 1909 — Germany recognises France's special interests in Morocco.
- 1929 — Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Poland and Romania sign pact renouncing war.
- 1934 — Balkan Pact is signed by Romania, Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey.
- 1941 — German troops under General Erwin Rommel cross from Italy to North Africa in World War II.
- 1943 — World War II battle for Guadalcanal ends in US victory over Japanese.
- 1962 — Jamaica becomes independent nation within British Commonwealth.
- 1964 — UN Secretary-General U Thant appeals to Ethiopia and Somalia to end hostilities in which hundreds have been reported slain.
- 1971 — Earthquake in Los Angeles area of California kills at least 64 people.
- 1987 — Car bomb explodes in crowded Shiite suburb of Beirut, Lebanon, killing 15 people and wounding 80.

TPA  
checks  
heart  
failure

BOSTON. (AP): Quickly administering the clot-busting drug TPA after heart attacks can significantly reduce the chances that victims will suffer congestive heart failure, a study shows.

TPA, or tissue plasminogen activator, is a natural chemical that dissolves blood clots. It stops heart attacks by breaking up blockages in the arteries that feed the heart's muscle.

The information in the latest study was used by the US Food and Drug Administration in its recent decision to approve TPA for routine use.

The study, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, shows that the hearts of people who suffer heart attacks beat more strongly if they are given TPA.

The research was conducted by Dr Alan D. Guerci and colleagues at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Experts believe that to be effective, the drug must be given soon after symptoms start. In their comparison study, the researchers gave TPA to 72 heart attack victims, while 66 others received dummy placebo shots. All were seen an average of about three hours after their heart attacks began.

During 10 days of follow-up, 8 per cent of the placebo patients died, as did 6 per cent of those who got TPA. Fourteen per cent of the TPA patients suffered congestive heart failure, compared with 33 percent of the placebo patients.

The researchers concluded that TPA was associated with a significant reduction in the prevalence of congestive heart failure."

The researchers said it is not necessary for patients to undergo immediate angiography, a check of the blood flow in the heart's arteries.

Angioplasty improved the pumping power of the TPA patients' hearts during exercise, and it reduced the likelihood that they would suffer chest pain.

Doctors consult  
on video screens

The Medkom video link allows surgeons in the operating theatre to consult colleagues hundreds or thousands of miles away.

HANOVER, (DaD) - At 11.08 am on a grey Tuesday morning in Hanover, Federal Republic of Germany, Professor Medjed Samii peers through a microscope into a hole about one centimetre in diameter in the skull of a 56-year-old woman patient in the operating theatre of the neurosurgical ward at Nordstadt Hospital. The aim of the operation is to remove a tumour obstructing the patient's central auditory, equilibrium and facial nerve. The importance of this finding from the patient's viewpoint was that the nerve did not need to be severed and then rejoined. "You've made a fine job of that," Dr Osterwald tells Professor Samii. "I'll sign off now and get on with my own work." He switches off his Medkom and returns to his own patients.

Over five kilometres away chief surgeon Dr Lutz Osterwald of the Municipal Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic watches the proceedings on a monitor screen. Professor Samii has asked him to do so because he might need his expert advice in what could be a critical situation. He holds his scalpel as he peers through the microscope. What he sees can be seen in perfect reproduction on the Medkom screen by Dr Osterwald five kilometres (three miles) away.

He is no stranger to the device - or to the case, having

followed the diagnosis on the monitor screen too. The patient had complained for some time that she was growing increasingly deaf and losing her sense of balance. She was diagnosed as possibly suffering from a tumour. The operation showed her tumour to be a benign growth near the central auditory, equilibrium and facial nerve. The importance of this finding from the patient's viewpoint was that the nerve did not need to be severed and then rejoined. "You've made a fine job of that," Dr Osterwald tells Professor Samii. "I'll sign off now and get on with my own work." He switches off his Medkom and returns to his own patients.

Medkom stands for "Medizinische Kommunikation" and combines the latest telecom techniques with medical requirements in an exemplary manner. In an initial phase the two Hanover hospitals have been linked. Doctors at both clinics can communicate by video telephone on monitor screens. The optical cable direct link ensures such



The new system premiered with a link to Peking where 120 Chinese specialists followed the course of a surgery in Hanover on a monitor screen.

excellent picture quality that even X-rays or computer tomographs can be relayed. By the end of this year the Medkom network will be extended to cover a further 20 hospitals and medical practices in the Hanover area. In a few years' time 29 German cities will be linked by optical cable. Specialists in all these cities will then be available for consultation merely by dialling their Medkom numbers.

The new system has already

been put to international use. It can be used to establish satellite links between doctors in different countries. Its premiere was a link with Peking, where 120 Chinese specialists followed the course of complicated surgery in the Hanover operating theatre on a monitor screen.

Doctors in emergency wards, where seconds can make the difference between life and death, will be able to consult specialists over the Medkom video phone. Patients will no

longer need to be sent by ambulance to a specialist for a second opinion. Operations that can normally only be seen by a handful of students will be relayed to lecture theatres. Even health insurance costs should be cut. Electronic consultation of specialists will reduce the time patients spend in hospital. At roughly DM500 a day, three days less in hospital is saving of DM1,500!

Peter Jentsch

## Scientists check cancer risk in new low-dose birth pills

SENIOR scientists are concerned that the suspected link between breast cancer and the older high-dose contraceptive pills could extend to the modern low-dose pills used by millions of women.

Girls who start taking the pill at 16 and continue until they decide to have children in their early 20s may run an extra risk of developing breast cancer in their 40s, according to Dr Klim McPherson and his team at Oxford University.

The government drug watchdog, the Committee on Safety of Medicines, has urged doctors to switch women from the old high-dose brands to low-dose products.

The greater the number of false alarms, the greater the risk of a tumour. The theory is that extra doses of synthetic hormones in the pill aggravate that effect.

Dr McPherson, working with Professor Martin Vessey, a member of the CSM, and Sir Richard Doll, the scientist who exposed the link between smoking and lung cancer, reported last week that women under 45 who had taken the pill for four or more years before having their first baby appear to run 2½ times the risk of breast cancer.

The products implicated in their survey of 2,250 women are certain high-oestrogen pills widely used in the 1970s. Brands listed in their British Journal of Cancer report as being associated with a significantly increased risk are: Gynoovlar, Minovlar, Ovulen 50, Minilin, Anovlar and Euginon 30.

Our study seems to show there is an association between breast cancer and the older high-dose pills," said Dr McPherson at the weekend. "It's as plausible that the new low-dose pills have a lesser effect as it is that they have a greater effect."

If the hormone hypothesis holds — and he suspects that oestrogen is the hormone most likely to be responsible for tumours — then any extra dose of oestrogen in an oral contraceptive will increase the risk of a tumour.

Since low-dose pills do less to suppress natural hormone production, the women might end up with more oestrogen, he said. "It's impossible to know what effect they have because we have no data."

It can take 10 to 20 years for a tumour to develop to the stage where it can be diagnosed. This latency period, say the Oxford scientists, is "a cause for concern".

Breast cancer, which kills one woman in 12, is extremely rare among the under-30s.

should instead be based on sound nutritional and medical evidence, he said.

2. Is the person promoting the diet well known, well respected and knowledgeable?

"A lot of people who write books are doctors, but that doesn't make them an expert on nutrition," he said.

3. Has the author tried the diet on a lot of people?

The only way to know for sure if a diet works is through careful, controlled, scientific studies, said Berland.

4. Have the results of the diet been published in a scientific journal or presented at a conference for peer review?

That's the best way to know whether the experts agree that the diet can work, he said.

5. Is the proponent of the diet challenging recommendations of the best nutritional authorities?

This should raise an eyebrow, said Berland. "It's OK if you challenge, but you have to have data to back it up," he said.

6. Is the claim based on the principles of someone else?

If so, find out whether that person agrees with the diet.

7. Is the diet nutritionally balanced?

That's very important, he said, because many diets are not and therefore can be bad for your health.

8. Does the diet allow for individual tastes and preferences?

"If I dictate a diet for you, you may follow it for a month or so but it's not going to be successful unless it fits into your lifestyle," he said.

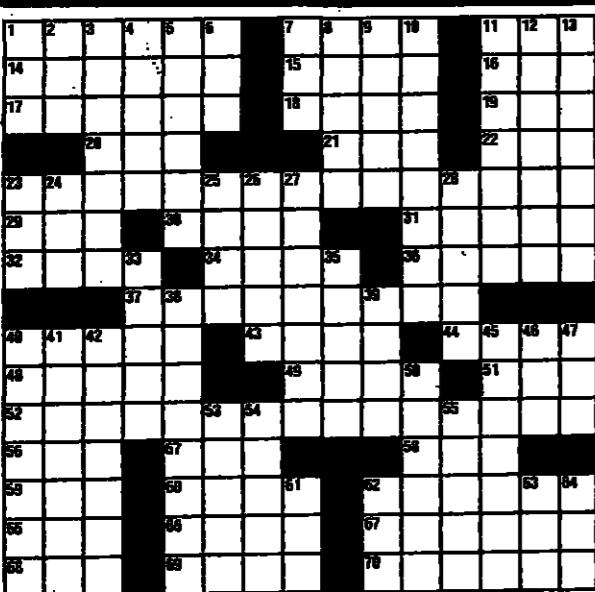
9. Is this kind of diet you can live with for the rest of your life?

If not, chances are you'll eventually end up regaining the lost weight, he said.

10. Who recommends the diet?

"It should be a recognised authority in the field. Someone who knows what they are talking about," he said.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦K9S ♦AQ63 ♦K103 ♦76 The bidding has proceeded: East South West North 1 ♦ Dbl Pass 1 ♦ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—You have a minimum takeout double. While you have excellent support for partner's spades, it is no more than he expects. Since his hand is limited to about 9 points, you have no game, so tell him that you are near the bottom of your range by passing.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦KQ83 ♦AQ9 ♦AK87 ♦76 The bidding has proceeded: East South West North 1 ♦ Dbl Pass 1 ♦ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have a strong hand with fine support for partner's suit, and the fact that your high cards lie behind the opening bidder adds to its potential. However, you don't have nearly enough to bid game. Invite by jumping to three spades. If partner has a smattering of cards, he should go on.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦K9S ♦V3 ♦83 ♦Q10952 The bidding has proceeded: West North East South 1 ♦ Dbl 4 ♦ ?

What action do you take?

A.—Not only do you have little to contribute to the defense, your hand is an excellent chance of producing five or six tricks, which is more than many 10-point holdings would yield. We would gamble out three no trump.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦AQ6 ♦A5 ♦A10 ♦J9652 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—With only 16 points in high cards, it might seem that you should graciously decline partner's invitation. However, your three aces, five-card suit and intermediates enhance the value of your hand, so we would carry on to three no trump.

## THE WIZARD OF ID



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

## B.C.

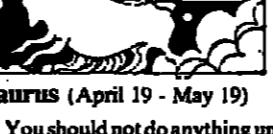


## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should try to avoid complications of all kinds. Jupiter's influence will help you to solve a persistent problem. Make sure that rules are obeyed without exception. Be alert.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should not do anything unscrupulous or shady. You will be reminded of something you would rather

## Dear Junior Readers,

I am pleased that some of you have sent me poems or stories that you have written to use on the Junior Times page. I have enjoyed these and think that our junior readers have too.

I would like to receive more of your work and hear about events that you have at your school. Send a picture along with a short description of the event, so we can share with other children what your school is doing.

Aunt Barbara

## Happy birthday



Yasmin and Amin celebrate their birthday with their Grandmother Kamar Ghulam Aiy (Allana), above, and Sherine M. Chacko, left, celebrated her 7th birthday on February 2. Sherine is a 1st standard student at the Indian School, Abbasia. Best wishes, children, from your friends and family.

## Chocolate mousse

**Ingredients**  
2 eggs  
50g (2 oz) chocolate

**Equipment**  
Plate  
Small pan  
Whisk  
Small basin  
Mixing bowl  
Tablespoon  
2 small serving dishes

1. Half fill pan with water and allow to boil. Turn off heat.  
2. Break chocolate into pieces, and put in small basin. Place basin over hot water, making sure basin does not touch water.  
3. Carefully separate eggs. Place whites in mix-

## Let's cook

ing bowl and yolks on plate.

4. Whisk whites until they stand in firm peaks.

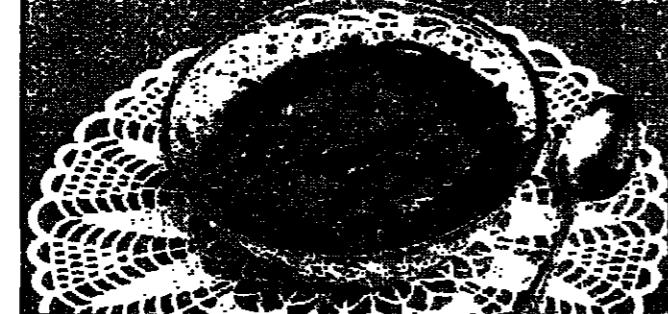
5. Remove basin from pan. Stir egg yolks into chocolate.

6. Add chocolate mixture to egg whites, and fold

in very lightly with tablespoon or knife. If mixed too much the mousse will not set.

7. Pour into dishes. Leave in cool place to set.

Chocolate Mousse when set can be decorated with:



## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



## Goodbye, Mr Lincoln

## The Illusion:

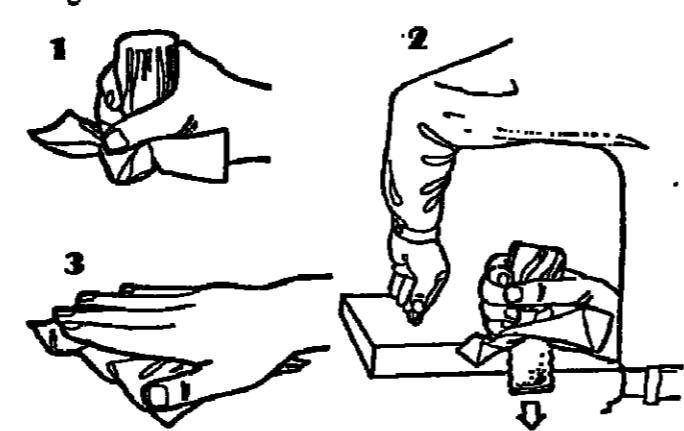
You claim to be able to make a coin vanish. You cover the coin with a salt shaker, the salt shaker with a paper napkin. A snap of the fingers and you raise the salt shaker; the coin is in plain view. Another snap of the fingers and when you raise the shaker again the coin is still there. Finally, you hit the shaker with the flat of your hand and the entire salt shaker has vanished!

## The trick:

Put a penny on the table about eighteen inches away from you. Place a salt shaker on top of the coin. Cover the shaker with a paper napkin. (Preferably, the napkin should be folded in quarters. If it's not large enough to cover the shaker, open it one fold.) Running your hand down the shaker will form the paper to the shape of the shaker. (1) Announce your intention of making the coin disappear. Snap your fingers, lift the shaker by squeezing the sides of the paper, and bring the shaker toward you, almost all the way to the edge of the table. Shake your head at the coin refusing to leave when you asked. Now you will have to command it. Replace the shaker over the coin. Snap your fingers and again lift the shaker. This time you bring it all the way to the edge of the table and let the bottom of the napkin extend slightly below the edge. As you reach over with your other hand and turn over the coin you simultaneously relax your grip on the paper.

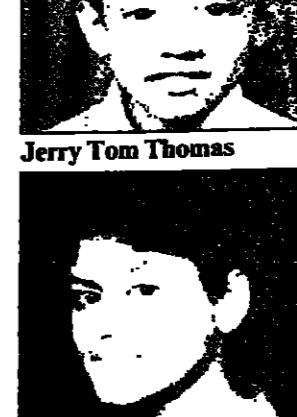
which will allow the shaker to drop into your lap (2). Gently replace the empty napkin, still holding its shape of the salt container over the coin. Tell them you're going to try something else and slam your hand down on the empty paper (3). Pause no longer than a second, then reach over and flick the flattened napkin away to reveal the over and flick the flattened napkin away to reveal the coin. Commenting on how stubborn Abe Lincoln could be, ignore the fact that you have vanished the salt shaker. Your audience won't!

Oh, yes, before you leave the table don't forget to slip the shaker back onto the table. There isn't any special way. You will have lots of opportunities to take advantage of one.



## Young artists take part in competition

## Malayalee Samajam marks tenth anniversary



## Tree fruits and seeds

AN apple has a core. Inside the core there are brown pips. The pips are seeds from which new apple trees can grow.

The fruits of some other trees have wings so they can travel on the wind. If the seeds land in the right place, they can grow in the spring. Each fruit has one wing.

The sycamore tree fruits are a pair of seeds. Each seed has an oval wing. It twirls away in the wind like a helicopter.

In the fruit of the elm tree, each seed is surrounded by a thin oval wing.

SOME fruits have hooks on them. These cling to the fur of animals or the clothes of people as they brush past. Goosegrass or cleavers has little green fruits that cling. The burdock fruits have hooks on them which catch on to an animal's fur or a person's clothes.

The seeds are often carried a long way. Then they are rubbed off, or they

## Science corner



dry and fall off. Some seeds are hidden in the ground by mice, squirrels and jays. These creatures make little winter stores of fruits and nuts in the ground. They do not find them all again. Those that are left may grow.

## Math puzzles

HAVE you always been a little bit afraid of math problems or puzzles? Has a problem ever seemed so difficult that you didn't want to spend any time trying to solve it? Many people feel this way. But they don't have to. Solving math puzzles can be fun.

Try these math puzzles and you may find that you will learn so many new ways of solving math problems that your skill as well as your enjoyment of math has increased.

• One sunny day, Marty went for a walk in the woods. He hadn't gone far when, through his binoculars, he saw Bali in the distance up in a tree. She was hammering nails into a tree-house that she was making. Marty noticed that Bali hit a nail with the hammer 30 times every minute. He also realised that every time that he saw Bali swing the hammer to hit a nail, he heard a banging sound. After Bali stopped hammering Marty heard one more bang.

If light travels at a speed of 186,000 miles per second, and sound travels at a speed of 1,100 feet per second, how far was Marty from Bali?

• Naomi took a bus from her home in Montgomery to her grandparents' house in Shaftsbury. The bus traveled at an average speed of 30 miles per hour. How fast would the bus have to travel on the return trip to Montgomery in order for the average speed of the round trip to be 60 miles per hour?

• One beautiful day in May, Amy decided to hike from Branford to Madison along the rugged Hammonasset Trail. The only town that she would pass through along the way is Guilford.

Forty mintues after Amy left Branford she came upon a sign nailed to a tree. Amy stopped, and read the sign. It said, "If you have come from Branford, then you have already gone half as far as it is from here to Guilford." Amy rested beneath the tree, this time eating a yellow delicious apple and some homemade fudge. Then, once again, feeling refreshed, Amy continued on her way. She hiked on, along the Hammonasset Trail for one more hour, and at long last reached Madison.

If Amy hiked at her own steady pace all the way, what is the length of the Hammonasset Trail between Branford and Madison?

Answers will appear on Thursday.

## Search for the loot

Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

BEANS	CHANGE	FUNDS	PAPER
BILLS	GELT	ROLL	
BOB	COINS	SHEKELS	
BREAD	DINEROS	JACK	SILVER
BUCKS	DOLLARS	LETTUCE	SIMOLEONS
CABBAGE	DOUGH	MOOLAH	SMACKERS
CASH	DRAFTS	MOSS	

X	S	C	A	B	B	A	G	E	R	H	J	K
D	R	Q	R	M	I	C	B	V	E	I	B	C
A	A	S	N	J	D	U	W	P	P	E	B	G
V	L	E	P	L	C	B	K	C	A	J	D	E
Z	L	T	R	K	E	X	U	N	P	M	J	A
W	O	Y	S	B	H	Z	S	O	N	K	C	G
S	D	U	O	K	F	D	T	R	S	B	O	B
N	S	O	R	E	N	I	D	D	Q	L	I	R
O	B	O	G	U	G	A	Y	R	D	H	N	E
E	L	D	F	E	O	H	S	A	C	A	S	V
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O	E	E	X	A	C	T	L	T	A	O	D	I
M	H	G	U	O	D	T	I	S	S	O	E	H
I	Z	G	N	W	D	R	B	P	B	M	M	C
S	H	S	M	A	C	K	E	R	S	O	E	H
S	L	E	K	H	S	Q	N	L	F	I	L	
I	L	E	T	T	U	C	E	S	M	H	G	D

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Japanese team explores ways to boost trade

## Capital investment likely to achieve higher growth

By M.C. Bose

A JAPANESE investment expert has said the Japanese economy looks set to surge ahead smoothly underpinned by inventory and capital investment. The tempo of economic growth may slow in the latter half of the year, but in the interim, a vigorous pace should be maintained.

Capital investment is likely to achieve a higher growth due to an improvement in corporate earnings and a more optimistic outlook adopted by corporate management.

Even in the exporting industries, domestic sales structures were strengthened last year, most notably by automobile and home appliance manufacturers, and this is likely to prevent a further downturn in business performance in this area.

### Opportunities

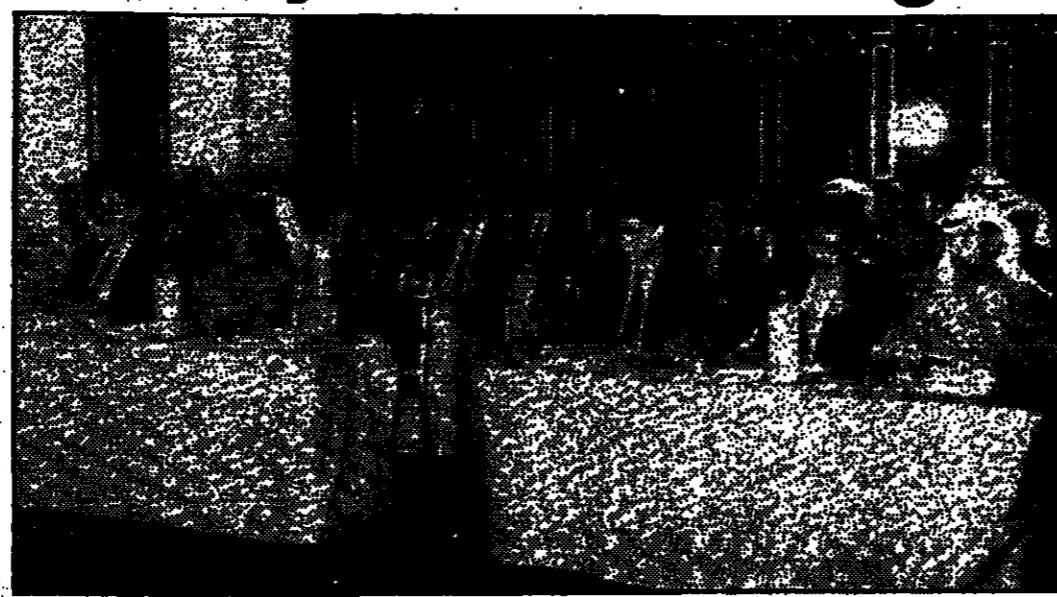
A five-member Japanese trade team, headed by Noriyuki Suzuki, General Manager of Yamachi Securities Co. Ltd. is currently visiting Kuwait to inform the Kuwaiti investors on Japan's market situation and investment opportunities.

Suzuki told the Arab Times, plans for the restructuring of the economy are likely to move into the implementation stage during the current year.

In response to a request from the Prime Minister Noboru Takeshi, the chairman of the Economic Council, Gaishi Hiraiwa is formulating what is known as the "New Five-year Economic Plan." According to the plan the average real economic growth rate in the 1988-92 is expected to be in the 3 per cent range. If domestic demand-led economic growth is retained as an objective, the international balance of payments surplus will decline, and criticism of Japan will be reduced through promotion of direct investment overseas and greater international economic cooperation.



Noriyuki Suzuki addresses the seminar.



Some of those who attended the seminar.

Japanese investment overseas almost doubled in the last financial year to a record \$22.32 billion. The official report shows that investments coming into Japan totalled more than \$340 million in the last financial year, mostly in the machinery, chemical and trading industries.

### Promote

Suzuki said the government is expected to promote an increase in the supply of land and strengthen the tax structure through the fiscal 1988 tax reform programme.

A reduction in capital gains tax on the sale of land and an increase in the rate of landholding tax (aimed at restricting speculative land transactions and encouraging the effective utilisation of land), and a decrease in the standard land area which qualifies for tax exemption status are included in the reforms.

Suzuki said the population of Tokyo is currently 12 million. According to the latest survey, 1 sq.m. of land now costs \$10,000 making it virtually impossible for first-time buyers to set up

The volume of money

involved has been impressive. Whereas three years ago foreigners owned some 8 per cent of stocks traded on the Tokyo exchange, today the figure is estimated to be little more than 3 per cent.

In an effort to deal with these circumstances, the government has decided to disperse the centres of power which are overly concentrated in Tokyo. They will be relocated in the regions where their smooth operation will be assured by an enhanced communications and transport network.

### Policy

Basically, the policy calls for

the construction of an advanced communications network enabling immediate access to the latest information in Tokyo from anywhere in Japan.

Suzuki has quoted a recent newspaper report as saying that Tokyo topped the league of national markets easily last year, riding the October crash better than any other major stock exchange; and thanks partly to currency gains it clocked up a 37 per cent improvement in dollar terms while the world index was up 15 per cent.

While consumer prices are expected to rise from 0.2 per cent recorded in 1987 to 1.1 per cent in 1988, this increase is extremely small in comparison to projections for the other countries and should not create any problems. As these projections indicate, the Japanese economy this year is in the ideal position of expansion without inflation.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1988

## International Bond Highlights

Frankfurt—DG bank Luxembourg is issuing a 300 mln mark seven-year bullet Eurobond with a 5-3/4 pct coupon, priced at 100-1/4, sole lead manager and parent, DG Bank—Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank, said. (RTVX 1010)

London—The Eurosterling bond market is set for revival this year with new issues rising while gilt issue volume falls, a Merrill Lynch capital markets study said. (RTXE 1203)

Frankfurt—Privatbanken A/S is issuing a 150 mln mark five-year Eurobond with a 5-1/4 pct coupon priced at 100-1/2, lead manager Deutsche Bank AG said. (RTWY 1434)

London—British Petroleum (Overseas) BV is issuing a 20 billion yen two-tranche Eurobond due March 3, 1983 with redemption price linked to the final price of a Japanese government bond futures contract, Daiwa International (Europe) Ltd said as lead manager. (RTXO 1330)

Munich—Bayerische Landesbank International SA, Luxembourg, is issuing a 100 mln mark five-year Eurobond with a coupon of five pct, priced at 100-1/4, the bank's parent and lead manager, Bayerische Landesbank—Girozentrale said. (RTVM 0855)

## International Markets

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LBW	8 7-7/8	9-1/16 8-15/16	9-9/16 7-1/16
3/30/40	3-25/30	3-30/35	
PAR	7-1/6 3/16	7-3/8 1/2	7-9/16 11/16
ZUR	1/8 3/8	5/8 7/8	1-1/8 1-3/8
BIZ	6-80	6-3/16 5/16	6-3/16 5/16
RON	9-7/8 10-3/8	10-3/4 11-1/4	10-3/4 11-1/4
AMS	3-13/16 13-15/16	3-13/16 13-15/16	3-15/16 4-1/16
TOK	3,4375 5000	3,6875 7500	3,8125 8750
ECU	5.87 6.12	6.00 6.12	6.18 6.31

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3-7/8	4-3/8
3 months	4-1/4	4-11/16
6 months	4-1/2	4-7/8
1 year	4-3/4	5-3/16

## FRIDAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	32.25	32	32	KODIAKALI	--	--
ACC	158	159	159	114	112	111.50	OKRAY	25.50	23.50
AHMADV	--	--	GUJPETRO	23	--	PRENAUTO	26.50	27	26.75
ANDRA CEN	9.50	9.25	9.50	91.50	92	90	RAYMOND	CD	
ANDRA VLY	--	--	HTD LAMPS	--	--	RELIANCE	99	98	100
BAJAJ AUTO	437.50	437.50	435	161	19	19	SPIC	31.75	31.50
BAL RAYON	152.50	152.50	153.75	INDRAYON	50	49	50	ST MILLS	250
BOL DYING	122.12	121.50	121.50	INDROL	187.50	185	180.25	STOMEDICAL	255
BSE INDEX	431.50	431.50	ITC	35.50	33	34	STEELBEE	9.50	--
COTURISPE	652.50	650	646.25	ITC ED	--	--	TATA PHR	182.20	181.25
COLGATE	197.50	197.50	197.50	JC 120	--	--	TATACHEM	65.50	65
DEEPAKFT	31	30	30	JISYTH	56	52.50	TATATOOL	74	75
DRACEMENT	--	--	L AND T	87	85.50	85	TECLO	362.50	365
FICOM ORG.	--	--	MAGNARAD	--	--	UDAIPROSP	--	367.50	
GARMPOLY	82	80	79	MAHINDRA	57	56	55.50	VOLATAS	285
					270	270			260

## FRIDAY

STOCK	LAST	PR.CLSE	STOCK	LAST	PR.CLSE	MITSUB CP	1090	1100	MITSUB EL	569	573
AEG	180.0	180.0	AJINOMOTO	3230	3260	MITSUB EST	2030	2050	MITSUB HVY	568	567
ALLIANZ VR	1260.0	1245.0	AKAI ELEC	505	500	MITSUB HVY	568	567	MITSUB CO.	730	712
BAEDEMER	173.8	172.5	AOKI	921	921	MITSUB HVY	568	567	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550
BAFSE	228.0	227.5	ASAMI OPT	566	575	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1180	1230
BAUER	248.7	247.1	BANK TOKYO	1390	1400	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1300	1310
BAUER HYP	306.0	308.0	BRIDGESTON	1270	1280	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
BAUER VER	306.0	307.0	CANON	980	975	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
BBC	263.0	262.0	CASIO COMP	1180	1170	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
BHF	291.0	295.0	CHUAI KNG	0	0	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
BIM	501.5	499.0	CITIZEN V	595	590	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
CHEMIE-VER	0	120.0	D-ICHI KAN	3130	3100	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
CONTI GUMM	180.0	180.0	DAI NIP IK	774	770	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
DAIMER BEN	577.5	572.0	DAI NIP PT	2510	2510	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
DEUTSC BNK	386.5	385.3	DAI NIP SC	970	980	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
DLV	299.0	296.0	DAI NIP TO	460	457	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
DRESDEN B	226.5	227.5	DAICEL	785	788	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
DT BABCOCK	142.5	141.0	DAIMA H	1700	1630	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
FAZ INDEX	0	412.79	DAIMA SEC	2120	2100	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
GOLDSCHMID	227.0	227.0	EBRA MFG	874	865	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
GUTERHOFF	306.0	307.0	ESAT	2390	2400	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
HOCHSTEIG AG	247.5	247.0	FUJITSU	1740	1740	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
KALI SALZ	113.5	114.0	FUJITZU	3260	3270	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
KARSTADT	378.0	378.0	FUJITZU	3920	3950	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
KAUFHOF	326.2	334.5	FUJITSU	1970	2000	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
KLOECK H	89.5	87.5	FUJITSU	1270	1280	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
KLOECK W	0	65.5	FUJITSU	1270	1280	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
LINDE	542.0	536.5	FUJITSU	1270	1280	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
LUFTHANSA	136.0	137.0	FUJITSU	1270	1280	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
MAN	147.0	147.8	FUJITSU	1270	1280	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
MANESHAN	108.6	109.0	FUJITSU	1270	1280	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
MERCEDES	460.0	460.0	FUJITSU	1270	1280	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
METALLGES	185.5	189.0	FUJITSU	1270	1280	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
MIXDORF PF	491.0	491.5	FUJITSU	1270	1280	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
NORSE HYD	41.50	41.80	FUJITSU	1270	1280	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
PHILIP KON	602.0	602.5	FUJITSU	1270	1280	MITSUB HVY	1540	1550	MITSUB HVY	1060	1030
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## Indonesia and Egypt to step up trade

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Feb 8, (AP): Indonesia and Egypt agreed today to further boost their trade by increasing the exports of different commodities on a reciprocal basis.

The agreement came after the first meeting of the Indonesia-Egypt joint commission's three days of talks.

The Indonesian commodities include plywood products, rubber and rubber products, coffee, tea and oil-palm seeds, in addition to manufactured products.

Egypt offered its export goods such as coriander seeds, phosphate, iron and steel products, aluminium products, malt, textile paint and chemical substances.

Both sides also agreed to study the possibility of certain joint marketing of export goods and the mutual use of facilities available in free trade zones.

The two parties also said technical cooperation in the economic development of the two countries will be stepped up.

Indonesia will continue offering Egypt a programme of training in various fields, particularly in family planning, and Egypt's programme on training in agriculture and university scholarships.

## S. Africa slashes duty on Turkish imports

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 8, (Reuter): South Africa has slashed customs duty on imports from Turkey in an unpublicised move apparently aimed at boosting its own exports, local industrialists said today.

South African industry has been angered by the measure which effectively reduced duty and tariffs on Turkish-manufactured imports from an average 30 percent to around three percent.

Pretoria has no preferential trade agreement with Turkey, which is not one of S. Africa's major trading partners.

"In all my years I have never heard of a move which has been so all-encompassing in the benefits it gives to the other party," Colin McCarthy, director of the Cape Chamber of Commerce, told Reuters.

### Surplus

I believe South Africa has an advantageous trade surplus with Turkey and we must be exporting something heavy over there, like steel or coal, although there are no regular direct shipping links," McCarthy said.

Other industrialists, who asked not to be named, said the government appeared to have cut import duty on Turkish goods as part of a deal aimed at encouraging Turkey to buy more South African exports, like coal and steel, which are excluded from many potential markets by anti-apartheid sanctions.

The industrialists said the move appeared directly to contradict the government's official trade policies.

## Investment firms suffer setbacks

ISLAMABAD, Feb 8, (Kuna): A large number of investment companies operating in the private sector are in deep trouble following the campaign launched by the State Bank of Pakistan against illegal banking in the country.

According to sources in the State Bank which is the country's apex bank, there has been in the past one year, a mushroom growth of private companies which have lured people into investing their money with promises of good profits.

What in fact these companies were doing was mostly illegal banking or fraudulent practices against which the State Bank has received hundreds of complaints in its capacity as the country's controlling banking establishment.

### Investment

One cautious estimate has put the number of these so-called investment companies at 270, big and small. They have pocketed millions of rupees of public money on the promises of fat returns.

The campaign launched by the SBP has already led to the closure of a large number of such companies and many more are preparing to pack up.

After necessary investigations, the State Bank of Pakistan has filed suits in the Sindh High Court against eight investment companies on the charge of refusal by these companies to produce their accounts and other business records for inspection.

There are 26 other companies against whom criminal complaints have been filed under section 27-A of the banking companies ordinance in the Sindh High Court.

## Dollar and share prices retreat

LONDON, Feb 8, (Reuter): The dollar and shares in New York and London retreated today with London's Stock Exchange, hit by a Ford Carworkers' strike and other signs of new British trade union militancy, dropping more than 40 points.

After rising at the end of last week, the dollar began Europe's trading day at its best for 12 weeks and touched 1.7065 West German marks. But it had eased a penny to 1.6960 by the European close.

Dealers attributed its early strength to optimism that US December trade figures, due on Friday, would show the United States' trade deficit continuing to narrow. Later, markets were a little more cautious.

**Date**  
"No one was all that ambitious today. Everything hinges on the trade data, as usual," said Oswald Dittrich, foreign exchange manager of Bank of America in Frankfurt.

Dealers blamed fears that British interest rates are set to move higher and worries about a resurgence of militancy among British workers.

British Ford Car workers began their first national pay strike in 10 years today. Some supervisory staff in the nation's coalmines and ferry crews operating across the channel to continental Europe were also

striking.

"This market is sick," one dealer said. "We've been looking for direction and I'm afraid we've found it downwards."

British bank base lending rates were put up by half a percentage point to nine percent last week to curb a consumer spending boom which has resulted in a surge of imports.

**Thin**

London brokers said the market fears a further rise soon. London trading volume was thin with market-makers marking prices down defensively.

The pound sterling stood up well to the worrying day, closing unchanged at \$1.7545.

The gold price closed at London at \$443.75 an ounce, above 9-1/2 month lows touched on Friday.

In Frankfurt, thin trading on the bourse marked the start of the week with prices generally firmer on the back of the more robust dollar but a rally faltered after 30

minutes when foreign investors showed no interest.

The Boersen-Zeitung stock index ended up just 0.86 points or 0.3 per cent at 263.6.

French shares turned lower in the afternoon and the 50-share bourse indicator ended down 0.38 per cent. In Zurich, Swiss shares began the week steady. Dutch shares eased after Wall Street opened the week lower.

Earlier, the Tokyo Stock Exchange finished narrowly mixed after a sleepy day of thin trading, with dealers awaiting Friday's US trade figures. The Nikkei Average slipped 19.59 points, or 0.08 per cent, to 23,711.60.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng index dropped 77 points to 2,215, according to preliminary figures.

Sydney's Australian All-Ordinaries index fell 16 points to 1,203.5, its second lowest close since the October crash. The fall was largely due to plummeting gold prices, brokers said.



HH the Amir yesterday met delegates attending the 10th conference of the Arab Economists Federation.

## Gulf Bank weekly market review

### KD rates continue to be stable

BASED on opening middle market FX rates, the KD rates continued to be stable against the US dollar moving in a tight range over the week ending at 275.79 fils slightly below its week before last closing of 274.56 fils.

The KD firm against the Pound Sterling finishing the week higher at 486.36 fils compared to week before last closing at 489.13 fils.

The KD also had posted gains against the SFR ending the week below 200 fils for the first time since mid Nov last at 199.70 fils higher than week before last closing of 202.55 fils.

As against the JY the KD maintained its advance to finish the week at 798.23 fils near its week before last closing of 798.72 fils. The KD was generally stable against other major currencies and the GCC currencies.

### World stock markets

Wall Street stock prices weakened last week on uncertainty about the outlook for the economy and interest rates, arbitrage selling, and a drop below a technical support level of 1920.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 1944 and closed lower at 1910, losing 45 points over the week before last closing at 1915.

The chairman of the NYSE, John Phelan, told the Senate Banking Committee that he expects more disciplinary actions resulting from the market collapse in October, and that the Big Board might take away stocks from specialists who failed to meet exchange standards.

Over last week, prices of shares in the London Stock Exchange retreated sharply underpinned by a 1/2 per cent increase to 9 per cent in UK base lending rates earlier in the week and partly on bearishness for the new account which started on Friday 5, and partly on speculation in the FTSE 100 futures market that the index was heading for 1660 points.

The FTSE-100 opened the week at 1789 and closed lower at 1731, losing 60 points over the week before last closing at 1791.

### US dollar

The dollar further consolidated its uptrend closing the week higher against all major currencies propelling on the back of some technical factors and positive sentiment related to the 3-legged US Quarterly Refunding Auction of \$27 billion for 3 and 10 year notes and 30-year bonds that took place between Feb 2-4 (settlement date Feb 16), and was regarded as moderately successful seeing a more healthy demand by domestic investors.

The cut in US Banks prime rates by 1/4 per cent to 8-1/2 per cent has put a cap on dollar's rise.

### Japanese yen

The yen movement was still confined to a tight range. The yen opened and ended the week against the dollar at the same level of 129.35/45 yen, below its week before last closing of 128.00/10 and down from the highest level it reached on Thursday at 127.90/00 yen before it came to an easier close as a result of firmer dollar tone supported by healthy demand for US Treasury Quarterly Auction.

The yen didn't breach the important 130 level.

Japanese Finance Minister Miyazawa said that the G-7 would continue with necessary action to prevent a further dollar fall and that the bottom of the dollar could be thought of as being around 125 yen.

### Deutsche mark

After being locked in a tight trading range between 1.68-1.69 marks against the dollar most of the week the mark finished the week easier breaching the important resistance level at 1.70 for the first time in 2-1/2 months at 1.7020/30 marks against an opening of 1.6910/20 and week before last closing of 1.6810/20 marks on the back of a firmer dollar which was given impetus by increased demand for US Treasury Quarterly Refunding Auction.

West German wholesale turnover fell by 4 per cent in 1987 from 1986 level due to lower wholesale sales in commodities and semi-finished goods.

In January the jobless rate is expected to have increased to 9.9 per cent of total workforce up from 9.2 per cent in Dec, but below Jan 1987 level of 10 per cent.

For 1987 as a whole unemployment rate stood at 8.9 per cent but it is expected to rise to 9.2 per cent in 1988.

Industry orders fell in Dec by 2.8 per cent after a fall of 0.9 per cent in Nov due to a sharp drop in capital goods orders although consumer goods orders were good.

### Pound sterling

After gaining support earlier in the week from the 1/2 per cent rise to 9 per cent in UK base rates, the pound closed easier as the dollar strengthened. The rate cut had been expected as rising UK earnings growth, continuing strong consumer demand and rising money supply aggregates all sounded warning bells in the past few months.

The pound ended at \$1.7520/30 near its opening level of \$1.7570/80 but below the previous week's closing rate of 1.7655/65 dollars.

### Precious metals

**Gold**  
Gold prices weakened considerably, breaking the \$40/oz resistance level to end the week at its lowest closing level since mid-April last year, on firmer dollar and heavy spot-loss selling and long liquidation.

They opened the week at 453/453.50/\$oz and ended sharply lower at 438.50/439 \$/oz, showing a loss of \$17.50 over the previous week's closing of 456/456.50 \$/oz.

**Silver**  
Silver bullion prices opened the week at 6.52/6.54 \$/oz and closed sharply lower at 6.30/6.32 \$/oz, its lowest close since early November showing a loss of 21 cents over the previous week's closing of 6.51/6.53 \$/oz.

The decline late in the week reflected a late drop in gold to 9-1/2 month lows.

### Platinum

Platinum prices weakened over last week to close at its lowest level since late July 1986.

After opening at 454.50/456.50 \$/oz, they closed lower at 442/444 \$/oz showing a loss of \$15 over the previous week's closing of 457/459 \$/oz.

## Slower growth predicted for UK

This is the second part of the article 'Kuwait market continues to enjoy ample levels of liquidity'. The first part appeared in the Arab Times on Feb 8.

The recent upturn in the US unit brought the \$/DM rate at one point to DM1.69.

However, with the dollar's strength short-lived the German unit adjusted back to current DM1.67.

The DM continues to hold steady against sterling at DM2.98 and has edged slightly lower vis-a-vis the yen to Y16.75. On a trade-weighted basis the index fell back two points to 149.6.

West Germany ended the year with a DM1.13 billion surplus in December which was an increase of 2.8 per cent from the November figure of DM10.99 billion, although this was down 1.7 per cent from the December 1986 surplus of DM11.5 billion.

Exports for 1987 declined slightly by 0.3 per cent to DM524.6 billion whilst imports eased by 1.2 per cent to DM408.8 billion.

The strong trade performance in December contributed to a record surplus of DM115.8 billion for 1987, a 2.8 per cent increase on the previous year.

Retail prices as yet remain unaffected (a 0.1 per cent fall in December brought the year-on-year increase to 3.7 per cent), whilst the fall in unemployment of 34,500 in November, compares with an average 50,000 decline over the last six months and would suggest the improving trend is beginning to flatten out.

Although one month's figures do not provide a firm indication of future trends a slowdown in activity over the months ahead appears likely.

Revenues have been affected

by the slowdown in economic activity whilst the fall in the dollar has influenced returns from the Bundesbank. As a consequence the administration has decided to cut the Federal Government borrowing by DM10bn next year through a combination of increased taxation and reduced expenditure.

### Japanese yen

Frenzied activity over the new year saw the yen move to record highs of S/Y121. The decisive central authority action which followed and better than expected US trade numbers however, brought the yen back to S/Y130.

On a trade-weighted basis the effective index lost slightly on the month to 240.4.

On the crosses the yen appreciated marginally vis-a-vis the DM to Y76.5.

The euphoria of the improved US trade numbers was understandably dampened by the announced widening in Japan's unadjusted trade surplus with the US to \$4.91 billion in December, compared with \$4.74 billion year earlier.

Whilst imports from the US increased by 27.8 per cent to \$3.1 billion export performance provided a further 11.8 per cent increase on the year to \$8.0 billion.

Japan's overall trade surplus for December narrowed marginally to \$8.6 billion from \$8.7 billion on the month and for the year as a whole the surplus decreased to \$79.8 billion from \$82.7 billion in 1986.

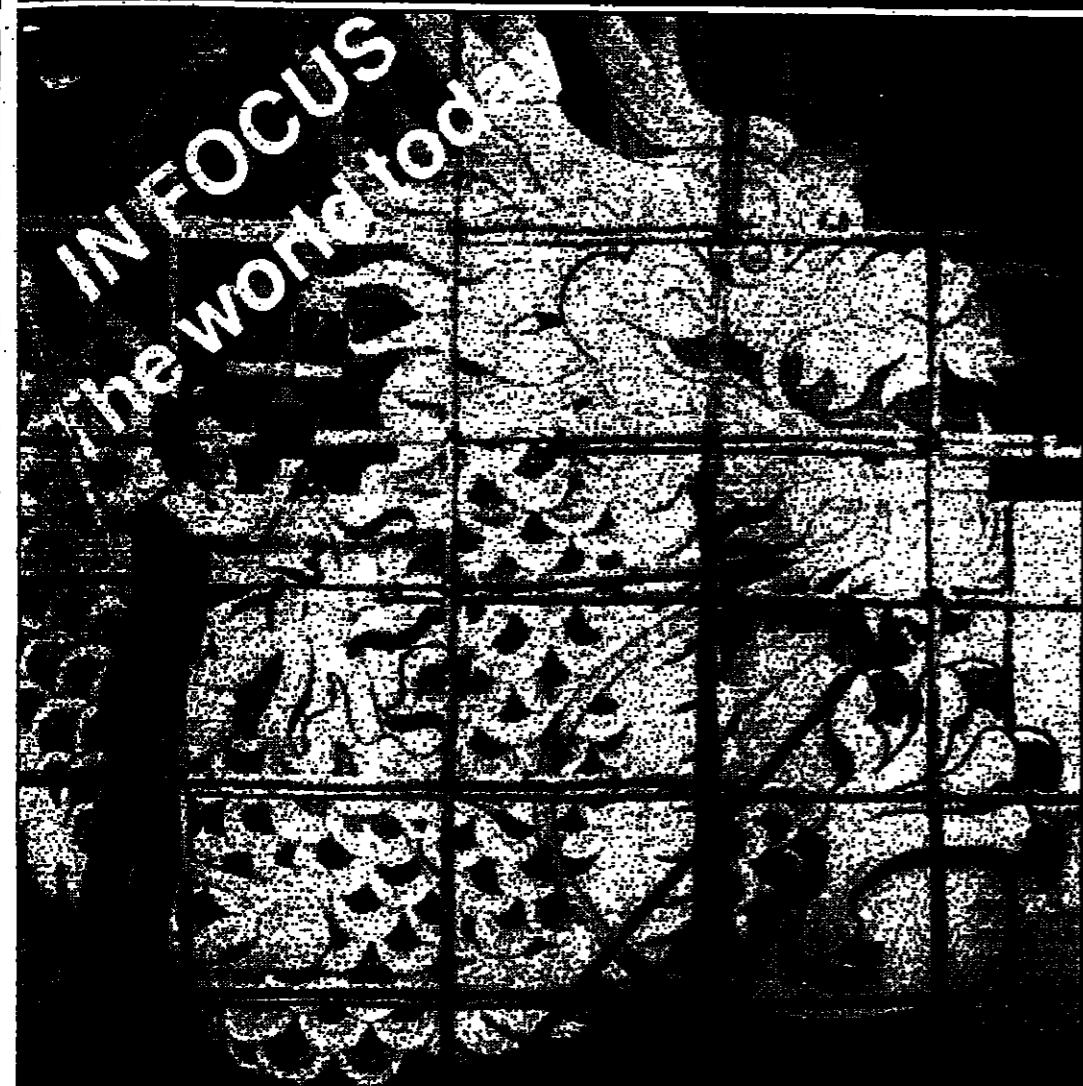
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## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

### SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 8.2.88

B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
3	Nen Jiang	M. Bahar	2433881
4	Rashidah	Al Qutub	4747815
6	Anwar SG	Sager	2432692
9	Tug Abu Samir	Gulf Star	4845501
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IN FOCUS  
The world today



WORKERS put the finishing touches on a wooden dragon decoration in Hong Kong's central district on Friday in preparation for the upcoming Lunar New Year festivities which commence Feb 17. (Reuter wirephoto)



POLICE officers search for clues amongst the debris of a West German commuter plane which crashed near the town of Muchenheim in the industrial Ruhr area yesterday killing all 19 passengers and two crew members. (Reuter wirephoto)



AUSTRALIAN Immigration Minister Mick Young, 51, (in recent file photo) resigned from parliament on Monday in the wake of a political scandal involving a donation to the ruling Labour party. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SHOP assistant Kyoko Kartani gazes at a platinum and gold version of Botticelli's Birth of Venus, worth about \$3.9 million, on display at a precious metals store in downtown Tokyo. (Reuter wirephoto)



A WIDE-EYED boy, just arrived in Johannesburg from a remote tribal homeland to stay with his mother in a multi-racial high-rise district, is taken to a park in the company of a white neighbour. (Reuter wirephoto)



FIREMEN cut into the hull of the Chinese cargo vessel Luk Hong in an attempt to reach four crewmen trapped when the ship capsized in Hong Kong waters Sunday night. Despite all-night rescue efforts, two crewmen were found dead and two were reported missing. There were six survivors. (Reuter wirephoto)



A FILE PICTURE showing United Nations Relief and Works Agency workers William Jorgensen of Norway (left) and Jan Stening (right) of Sweden taken in late 1987. The two were kidnapped near Sidon, Lebanon, Feb 5. (Reuter wirephoto)



OUTGOING Haitian leader Lt. Gen. Henri Namphy salutes incoming President Leslie Manigat as Manigat offers his hand on Sunday after being sworn in as President of Haiti. Manigat took office on the second anniversary of the ouster of the Duvalier regime. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRAZILIAN rescue teams dig up mud that piled up in a street as they looked for victims that were buried by the avalanches caused by the heavy rains that have fallen in the Rio de Janeiro area for the past few days. The rains have caused about 150 deaths and 600 injuries. (Reuter wirephoto)



FORMER French Prime Minister Raymond Barre launched his campaign to become president of France in Lyon yesterday. Barre is seen as the French right's main hope of unseating Francois Mitterrand. (Reuter wirephoto)



WEST GERMAN Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher (right) looks over his shoulder as the European Community foreign ministers sit around the corner table prior to their meeting yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

WITH Valentine's Day just around the corner a store in England has begun selling a romantic wedding gown for those daring brides-to-be. The frothy tulle dress has a fitted satin bodice and is trimmed with dozens of rosebuds. (Reuter wirephoto)

# ARAB TIMES Classifieds

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## SPORTS

## BRITON'S APPROACH DISAPPOINTS FANS

## Schoenlebe equals record

SINDENFINGEN, West Germany, Feb 8, (AP): East Germany's Thomas Schoenlebe equalled his 2-day-old world indoor record in the 400-metre dash, clocking 45.05 seconds yesterday in an international track and field meet.

Friday, Schoenlebe broke his world record of 45.41, set at Vienna, Austria, on Feb 9, 1986. He matched the mark Sunday.

## Budd urged to withdraw

LONDON, Feb 8, (Reuter): Britain's Angela Tooby has called on her Southern African-born teammate Zola Budd to withdraw from the World Cross Country Championships in Auckland, New Zealand, next month.

The New Zealand government, worried about a possible African boycott of the 1990 Commonwealth Games, has said Budd is not acceptable in New Zealand although she will not be turned away.

## Aouita to quit

RABAT, Feb 8, (Reuter): Morocco's world 5,000 metres champion Said Aouita says he will quit running after the Seoul Olympic Games later this year.

"I think that at 28 years old I have run enough and it is better to leave through the front than the side door. I have decided to go to Seoul and then stop," he told the Moroccan magazine *Le Matin Du Sahara* in an interview published yesterday.

## Asian Cup soccer

INDIA held a 0-0 tie with Bangladesh in Saturday's group A match of the Ninth Asian Cup soccer qualifying tournament in Abu Dhabi.

The two sides, played under well-matched forces, saw no opportunities to score goals throughout the whole 90-minute game. Hosts the United Arab Emirates (UAE) chalked up its second triumph on Sunday as it outplayed the Yemen Arab Republic 2-1.

## Sjoberg fails

GENU, Belgium, Feb 8, (Reuter): World champion Patrick Sjoberg of Sweden made three unsuccessful attempts to break his world indoor high jump record yesterday — but believes he can improve the mark soon.

Sjoberg, despite being troubled earlier by stomach problems, said only small technical details prevented him from bettering his record of 2.41 metres by one centimetre at the third golden high jump competition.

## Long jump record

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, Feb 8, (Reuter): Larry Myricks of the United States set the long jump mark of the year yesterday, clearing 8.38 metres at an indoor meeting.

Canadian Mark McKoy returned a sparkling 7.50 seconds in the men's 60-metre hurdles, while world indoor champion Nelli Cooman of the Netherlands was only seven hundredths of a second off her own world record with 7.07 seconds for the women's 60 metres.

## Chess pairings

SAINT JOHN, New Brunswick, Feb 8, (AP): The World Chess Federation announced the pairings yesterday for eight players who will compete to challenge Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union for the World Chess Championship.

Another Karpov of the Soviet Union will play Johann Hjartarson of Iceland and Soviet Artur Yusupov will face against Kevin Spraggett of Canada, according to the federation president, Florencio Campomanes of the Philippines.

## Prince's dreams

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb 8, (Reuter): Bob-sledding Crown Prince Albert of Monaco, racing for the principality in the Winter Olympics, says he has come to Calgary to win but would be happy with 25th place.

"We're here with a winning attitude (but) any place between 20 and 25 will be great for us," the Prince, 29, told Reuters after checking through customs at Calgary airport yesterday.

## Boxer of the Month

CARACAS, Feb 8, (Reuter): The World Boxing Association (WBA) named American Mike Tyson as its Boxer of the Month following the January 22 bout in which he beat Larry Holmes to retain his undisputed world heavyweight championship.

## Bridge

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club games held on Tuesday, Feb 2, N/S

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2. Mrs & Mr Farah  
3. Shah & Zuberi  
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2. Mukherjee & Eman  
3. Mrs Doms & Mousadd  
Sheraton Bridge Club tournament will be held today at Messel Beach Hotel at 3 pm.

## Tate knocks Sibson into retirement

STAFFORD, England, Feb 8, (AP): Frank Tate said he went out and took Tony Sibson's breath away.

But the International Boxing Federation's middleweight champion didn't count on a little help from some of the challengers fans, who filled the atmosphere with tears.

Tate knocked Sibson into retirement with a crashing right hand that flattened the Briton for the full count near the end of round ten.

## Tactics

The knockout stretched the American's unbeaten pro streak to 22 fights and later he explained the tactics that brought him a successful first defence of the title he won last October.

"I knew he was a big puncher and I didn't allow the fight to become a slugging match," Tate said.

"I kept him at bay for a long time and got his heart rate up. Then I took his breath away," said the fighter whose training programme is carefully monitored scientifically for maximum fitness.

Sibson, who slipped to 55-7-1, announced his retirement after the fight.

"That's it, there's nothing left

for me now in boxing."

The durable Briton said his strangely hesitant tactics were dictated by the champion.

"It was like chasing a devil. I just couldn't catch up with him. I couldn't fight the fight I wanted."

The stylish Tate, from Houston, Texas, was rarely troubled in the fight by the 39-year-old Briton, who was trying to win a world title at the third attempt.

## Slipped

Sibson, previously had lost to former middleweight titlist Marvelous Marvin Hagler in 1983 and to countryman Dennis Andries in a bid to win the World Boxing Council title two years ago.

The Briton's strangely tentative approach disappointed his vast army of volatile followers, some of whom were involved in violent scenes before the fight.

Some of the fans tried to gatecrash without tickets and exploded teargas canisters as they fought with security officials.

For a month, the fight had been dwarfed by a high-powered battle outside the ring between the IBF and the British Boxing Board of Control over its duration.



Tate (left) is congratulated by Sibson (right) after retaining his title. (Reuter wirephoto)

Until an eve-of-fight announcement, by President Robert Lee that the fight would be reduced to 12 rounds, the IBF stuck to its rules covering world title fights and said the bout would be over 15. It maintained 15 rounds was a

true test of a world champion.

British officials followed the fine of the two other world governing bodies, the World Boxing Council and the World Boxing Association, in restricting contests to no more than 12 rounds

on the grounds of safety.

It refused to sanction the contest over the longer distance, and although the fight went ahead with IBF officials, the BBC threatened to withdraw the license of Sibson, Warren and any other Britons on the undercard connected with the show.

After Lee's climbdown, which he stressed, was for this fight only, the British Board withdrew its threat and agreed to supply officials for the undercard.

The issue is set to be raised again when the same promoter, London-based Frank Warren, stages another IBF contest in two weeks time, the light-heavyweight contest between American holder Charles Williams and British challenger Tom Collins at Windsor, near London.

## Stamped

The fight was held up ten minutes to allow the gas in the air to clear, and when it began, Tate stamped his authority on the contest with some sharp jabs and cultured ring movement.

Tate, normally a fast-starting all-action puncher, seemed content to bide his time. He also was stung by Tate's nagging putts as the tall, gangly American put his considerable reach advantage

to good use.

When Sibson went on the attack in the second round, he was caught on the counter attack by a short left hook and, in round four, the American found Sibson's head with a long right that had the Englishman reeling.

Sibson survived and for the next three rounds traded jabs with the champion who was never put under pressure.

In the eighth, Tate showed his versatility with good work to the head and body and dancing out of trouble when caught on the ropes.

He also hurt Sibson in a furious exchange at the start of the ninth and appeared to be winding up for a big finish.

## Sofitted

It came near the end of the tenth with he softened up the challenger with a combination and then powered the right through Sibson's defences to send the Briton sprawling to the canvas for the full ten count.

All three judges had Tate well ahead at the finish.

Denmark's Torben Hansen scored it 58-53 at the end of the ninth, Joe Pasquale from New Jersey and Dr Clark Sammarino, Providence, Rhode Island, both had it 87-84.

## East beat West in NBA All Star game

CHICAGO, Feb 8, (Reuter): Michael Jordan had 40 points, 16 of them in the final five minutes and fifty seconds to lead the East to a 138-133 win over the West yesterday in the National Basketball Association's (NBA) annual All Star game.

Jordan, playing at home in the sold-out Chicago stadium, was voted the game's most valuable player, as the East won the seventh time in the last nine games.

Los Angeles Lakers' centre Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored only 10 points, but the final two, with 44 seconds remaining, enabled the 40-year-old Jabbar to set a new All Star career point record with 247, surpassing Oscar Robertson's 246.

For the East, Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins had 29 points and Detroit's Isiah Thomas had 15 assists. Utah's Karl Malone had 22 for the West and Houston's Kareem Olajuwon had 21, with the Lakers' Johnson contributing 19 assists.

## Record sales

HANOVER, West Germany, Feb 8, (Reuter): A record 706,000 tickets have been sold for June's European soccer championships, the West German Soccer Federation (DFB) said today.

## Lopez wins Mazda Classic women's golf

BOCA RATON, Florida, Feb 8, (AP): Nancy Lopez bogeyed three of her first seven holes yesterday, but held on for a two-stroke victory in the \$200,000 Mazda Classic, the season's opening on the women's professional golf tour.

Lopez shot a 3-over-par 75, her highest round of the tournament, finishing with a 72-hole total of 283, 5-under-par at the 6,368-yard Stonebridge Golf and Country Club Course.

It was the 37th victory of her career. She earned \$30,000.

## Sand

Marta Figueras-Dotti of Spain sank a 70-foot birdie putt from the fringe on number 17 and birdied the final hole for a 73, finishing second at 285.

Jan Stephenson, who appeared to be Lopez's biggest threat, found a bunker on number 18 and took a double bogey for a closing 74 and finished tied for third at 288.

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First-round leader Patti Rizzo finished at 74-289. Rookie Trish Johnson of Wales, a contender until taking a triple bogey on number 14 on Saturday, shot 87-302. Defending champion Kathy Postlewait finished at 73-289.

## Nomads beat Bahrain in Gulf Cup tournament

By Peter Jones



Gibb drives through for the crucial try.

the play was in the Bahrain half. The Nomads equalised with a Graham Adams penalty, but it took them until mid-way into the half to take the lead. A pre-planned penalty move from close to the Bahrain line worked beautifully and Alan Gibb evaded the despairing attempts of the Bahrain defenders to score close to the posts.

This was a just reward for Gibb, who had made some excellent breaks throughout the match. Adams converted for a 3-lead.

The second try by Steve Hill

was a carbon copy of his try against Dubai two weeks ago. Securing the ball in the loose, a huge dummy fooled the Bahrain cover and he went over unmopped to make the conversion simple for Adams.

Hill was involved again when he drew the Bahrain defence before giving a perfectly judged pass to Bullens, who cut back inside to score to make Adams' conversion another formality.

This says much for the progress that has been made since the defeat in Bahrain last season, when the lack of patience cost them the game when it could have gone more than the one try.

Adams rounded off the score

with the last move of the match, crashing over from short range. He converted to make the final score 27-3.

Thought not a convincing performance by the Nomads' standards, they did manage to stay cool and wait for the openings to occur, without panicking.

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The Nomads have another fixture at home this coming Friday,

## Jones scores first PGA victory of his career

PEBBLE BEACH, California, Feb 8, (AP): Steve Jones, twice teetering on the brink of collapse, scored the first PGA victory of his career with a 15-18 foot (5-6 metre) birdie putt on the second playoff hole today in the Pebble Beach National Pro-am.

Jones' winning putt blunted the comeback hopes of Bob Tway, who made up six shots over the last 18 holes to force the playoff.

Both parred it. Jones missed a 12-footer (4 metres) that would have won it, and Tway dropped a 6-footer (two metres) that sent them to the tee on the par-3 17th, where the green juts into the surf of Carmel Bay.

Jones made his and Tway's birdies on number 10 to go 4 under, but the bogey numbers 11 and 15. Lopez had seven straight pars and played the back nine in 1-over 37.

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Jones, who has let previous opportunities for victory slip through his fingers, twice lost a lead over the last 18 holes.

Surrendered

Three shots in front when the day's play started, he surrendered the lead to Langer after six holes.

But Langer's sudden collapse and a couple of critical birdies by Jones on the ninth and 10th put him in front again.

But he couldn't hold it. He added to one-putt six holes in a row, then missed an 8-foot (2.5 metres) par putt on the 15th. That cut his lead to one.

He scrambled for par again on the 16th, then bogeyed the 17th after pulling his tee shot into a bunker. That dropped him back into a share of the lead. His birdie putt wobbled off line on the 18th and the playoff was on.

The victory was worth \$126,000 from the total purse of \$700,000.

Australian Greg Norman, playing more than an hour in front of the other contenders, came out of the pack with a 66 and gained third at 281, a single stroke out of the playoff.

"Stranger things have happened," Norman said of his attempt to overcome a nine-shot deficit over the last 18 holes.

"You just have to be determined, not give up," Norman said.

The expected challenge from a couple of former Masters Champions, Bernard Langer and Craig Stadler, failed to materialise in the sunny, windy weather.

A quick birdie-birdie start helped Langer to an early lead, but he bogeyed five of seven holes, beginning on the ninth, and wasn't a factor again.

Stadler, who at times panned his putter in frustration, simply could not get anything in the hole.

## Madrid steal the show with 7 goals

MADRID, Feb 8, (Reuter): Atletico Madrid stole the limelight in Spanish First Division soccer action

## SPORTS

## Shastri replaces Vengsarkar

BOMBAY, Feb 8. (Reuters): Ravi Shastri will replace Dilip Vengsarkar as Indian captain in the four-nation Asia Cup in Dhaka later this month, the secretary to the Board of Control for Cricket in India, Ranbir Singh said today.

Vengsarkar has been banned from all cricket for six months for violating his contract and writing for newspapers during the recent India-West Indies series.

Shastri led India in the fourth and final Test against the West Indies when Vengsarkar was absent because of injury. He had earlier said he would be unavailable for the Cup because of a knee injury.

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh will take part in the tournament from February 22-28.

Indian team - Ravi Shastri (captain), Krishnamachari Srikant, Navnit Siddhu, W.V. Raman, Mohammad Azharuddin, Mohinder Amarnath, Kapil Dev, Kiran More, Ajay Sharma, Arshad Ayub, Chetan Sharma, Chandrakant Pandit, Sanjeev Sharma, Maninder Singh.

## Border and Botham revive Queensland

SYDNEY, Feb 8. (Reuters): Australian Test captain Allan Border and England all-rounder Ian Botham shared an unbroken stand of 90 to repair Queensland's second innings in the Sheffield Shield match against South Australia in Brisbane today.

The pair joined forces with the score 64 for four and were still together at the close of the third day when Border was 63, Botham 37, and the total 154, a lead of 175.

Earlier, South Australia lost their last five first-innings wickets for 10 runs to be all out for 364 after captain David Hookes made 112, his first century at the Gabba ground.

Western Australia's only medium-fast bowler Chris Matthews took six for 77 in Hobart and Tasmania's hopes of gaining first-innings points for the first time this season.

Tasmania were all out for 273, to trail by 61 on first innings, and by the close of the third day Western Australia were 219 for three in their second innings, a lead of 280.

Scores at the close of the third day of Sheffield Shield cricket matched.

In Brisbane: Queensland 385 (T. Barsby 102, I. Botham 60, G. Trimble 57) and 154 for four (A. Border 63 not out, I. Botham 37, K. McCleay 50 not out) and 219 for three (M. Veletta 95, G. Wood 61 not out), Tasmania 273 (B. Davison 59, D. Boon 53, C. Matthews six for 77).

## Air Lanka trophy

THE finals of the Air Lanka Trophy Challenge Cup will be played on Friday at the New Ground in Ahmedabad. Unity meet Starlite in the full day encounter consisting of 45 overs. Starting time is 0900 am. Umpires nominated are one each from Gulf Bank and Falcon. The chief guest is Prasanna Subasinghe, regional manager of Air Lanka. The prize distribution function is scheduled at 5 pm on the same day.

## IMPRESSIVE ATTACK BY NEW ZEALAND BOWLING

## England collapse in second innings

NEW PLYMOUTH, New Zealand, Feb 8, (AP): England suffered a second innings batting collapse today, falling into trouble at stumps after the second day of its three-day cricket match against a New Zealand representative team at Pukekura Park.

England appeared to be forging towards an outright victory when it declared an overnight score of 243 for six and put the Shell XI straight in to bat.

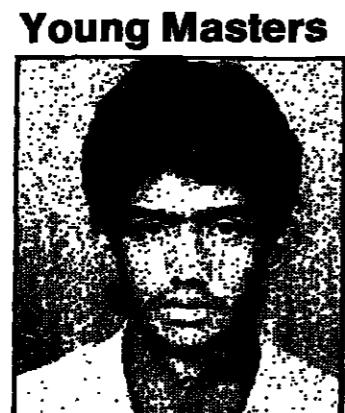
**Combined**

The English pace quartet of Phil de Freitas, Neal Radford, Paul Jarvis and Graham Dilley combined impressively and had the New Zealand side out for a paltry 139.

That gave the tourists a first innings lead of 104, but the advantage was shattered away by the day's end.

When stumps were drawn, England was 104 for eight, Tim Robinson's leg before wicket for four. England was then 83-5.

## Bright Stars crush Young Masters



BRIGHT Stars Cricket Club overwhelmed Young Masters by a margin of 207 runs in a YMCA trophy match played at the Ahmedabad Secretariat ground on Friday.

The top-of-the-table clash which was expected to be a keen tussle, fizzled out into a one-side affair amidst some inspired bowling from Salim, Ronnie and James.

### Accounted

Hubara winning the toss, elected to bat first with opener Deverell and skipper Shipton. Salim making good use of the new ball accounted for Deverell, top edging a hook into the hands of keeper Jerry. A sharp in-cutter shattered Pat Flower's wicket for 5. James then claimed two important wickets in Ralph D'Neisse and Shipton, both caught and bowled to have Hubara struggling at 51 for 5.

BKME captain Bastaki then brought on spinner Ronnie, who mopped up the tail with some intelligent bowling claiming 4 wickets for a miserly 8 runs off 5 overs. Hubara were all out for 101 with Shipton top scoring with 32 and John McConville being the only other batsman to reach double figures with 19.

**Departed**

Both batsmen took the score to 139 runs. Asghar departed at this score with his individual contribution of 54 runs and was followed soon by Aslam for a superb 88 runs with 12 fours. Thereafter Khalid had a fine knock of quick 60 runs with 10 fours and Arun remained not out with a well compiled 55 runs which included 6 fours to take the score to 287 for 4. For Young Masters, Niel claimed two wickets for 49, and Salim got one wicket for 43 runs.

The task of scoring 287 appeared beyond the capacity of Young Masters and thus they started in a subdued manner. On top of that Ahmed bowled magnificently to make life still more difficult for them. None of the batsmen could stay at the wicket long enough and the whole team was out in the 21st over for a meagre 80 runs. Ahmed captured four wickets for 18 runs, Salim and Aslam claimed two wickets each for 16 and 22 runs respectively. Nawab got one wicket for 2 runs.

### Soccer tourney

VARCA Sporting Centre will hold its fifth one-day seven-a-side football tournament on Feb 25 at the Sour Grounds.

Matches will begin at 7 am. The draw will be held on Feb 19 at 10 am at the Sour Grounds.

For inquiries contact Thomas Fernandes, tel 4835488, ext 204, on the same day.

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day left in the competition. Only three New Zealand bowlers were used in an impressive attack, with Jonathon Millen and Chris Kuggelein getting three wickets each and Brian Barrett two.

Martyn Moxon was first to go, caught at the wicket by Ervin McSweeney off Kuggelein for five, giving him a match aggregate of nine.

**Combined**

Chris Broad was caught in the gully by Phil Horne off Kuggelein for 16 then Neil Fairbrother went quickly, clean bowled by Barrett for 15.

**Caught**

Neal Radford, promoted up the order to boost his confidence, made a brisk 23 before Kuggelein bowled him and the former Dutch international struck again when he trapped Tim Robinson's leg before wicket for four. England was then 83-5.

**Scoreboard**

ENGLAND first innings 243 for six declared (T. Robinson 74, B. Barrett two for 62).

P. Horne c Richards b De Freitas - 0  
R. Vasconcelos b Bradford - 12  
N. Fairbrother b Kuggelein - 12  
A. Jones c De Freitas - 12  
G. Greatbatch b Dilley - 12  
C. Kuggelein b Jarvis - 21  
T. Blain c Embrey b Dilley - 5  
E. McSweeney c Robinson b Embrey - 38

Fall of wickets: 1-02 2-13 3-384-565-64 6-98 7-107 8-123 9-123

Bowling: De Freitas 5-2-27-2, Radford 12-2-51-1, Jarvis 13-4-24-4, Dilley 9-2-21-2, Embrey 3-3-10-1.

ENGLAND second innings

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Moxon c McSweeney b Kuggelein - 5

N. Fairbrother b Barrett - 15

A. Jones c Jones b Millen - 24

N. Radford b Kuggelein - 23

R. Robinson b Kuggelein - 4

E. McSweeney b Millen - 3

P. De Freitas c McSweeney b Millen - 0

J. Embrey not out - 8

M. Jarvis not out - 1

Extras (10-1 nb-4) - 5

TOTAL (for eight wickets) - 104

Fall of wickets: 1-62 2-33 3-384-795-83-6-91 7-91 8-91

Bowling: Millen 10-2-26-3, Kuggelein 17-5-35-3, Barrett 8-2-42-2

J. Brown c Dilley b Jarvis - 4  
J. Millen c Richards b Jarvis - 5  
R. Barrett lbw b Jarvis - 0  
W. Watson not out - 3  
Extras (10-6, nb-21) - 27  
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England's Neil Fairbrother (right) in action while New Zealand's Brown awaits a chance to catch. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Sri Lanka in command

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb 8, (AP): Sri Lanka powered to 362 for six today to take a commanding position after the third day of its four-day cricket match against Australian state team Victoria at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

At stumps, the tourists held a lead of 373 runs with Ravi Ratnayake on 39 and Guy de Alwis on 30.

Sri Lankan captain Ranjan Madugalle was expected to declare overnight.

Madugalle said his side had batted impressively and he would be looking for an equal effort from his bowlers tomorrow.

Young batsmen Aravinda de Silva and Arjuna Ranatunga produced impressive Test warms-ups with scores of 69 and 68 respectively.

For Victoria, Simon Davis was the pick of the bowlers with a haul of 5-37 from 24 overs.

Madugalle said he did not declare earlier due to minor fitness problems surrounding pace bowlers Graeme Labrooy and Champaka Ranatayake, but said both would be fit for a full day tomorrow.

Sri Lanka is using the match to warm up for the one-off Test match with Australia that begins on Friday in Perth.

### Scoreboard

SRI LANKA first innings 157 (S. Davis five for 50)

VICTORIA first innings 146 (G. Labrooy seven for 71)

SRI LANKA second innings

R. Mahanama lbw b Reiffel - 51

B. Karuppa c Young b Davis - 22

A. Gunaratna b Whitemore b Davis - 25

A. Ranatunga c Young b Davis - 69

E. Ramanayake c Reiffel b Hughes - 24

B. Madugalle b Dodemsidge - 34

R. Ratnayake not out - 39

G. de Alwis not out - 30

Extras (8b 1w 5nb) - 36

TOTAL (for six wickets) - 362

Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-181, 3-170, 4-191, 5-288, 6-292

Bowling: Hughes 27-3-83-1 (1nb), Reiffel 24-3-94-1 (2nb), Dodemsidge 22-9-48-1, Davis 24-6-57-3 (2nb), Jackson 9-1-44-0, Young 6-1-13-4 (1nb), Watts 6-0-15-0.

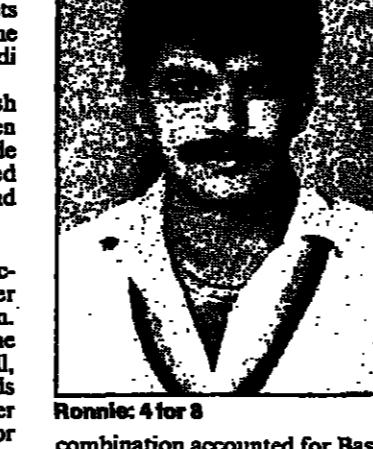
## Franklin completes great comeback

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb 8, (AP): Trevor Franklin completed one of cricket's great comebacks today when he was recalled to open New Zealand's batting against the touring England side in the first Test at Christchurch.

The opener nearly lost his right leg in an accident 17 months ago and only resumed playing club cricket four months ago.

"Three or four weeks ago, I was still very skeptical about being able to play Test cricket. I just didn't know," Franklin said.

"I think my form has been helped this season because my concentration has been good."



## BTCC defeat Hassawi

BRAUN Transworld Cricket Club beat Hassawi Cricket Club by 5 wickets in a challenge trophy match played at the Yarmouk grounds.

Hassawi won the toss and elected to bat. They lost